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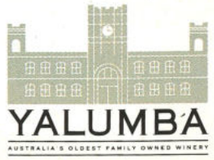

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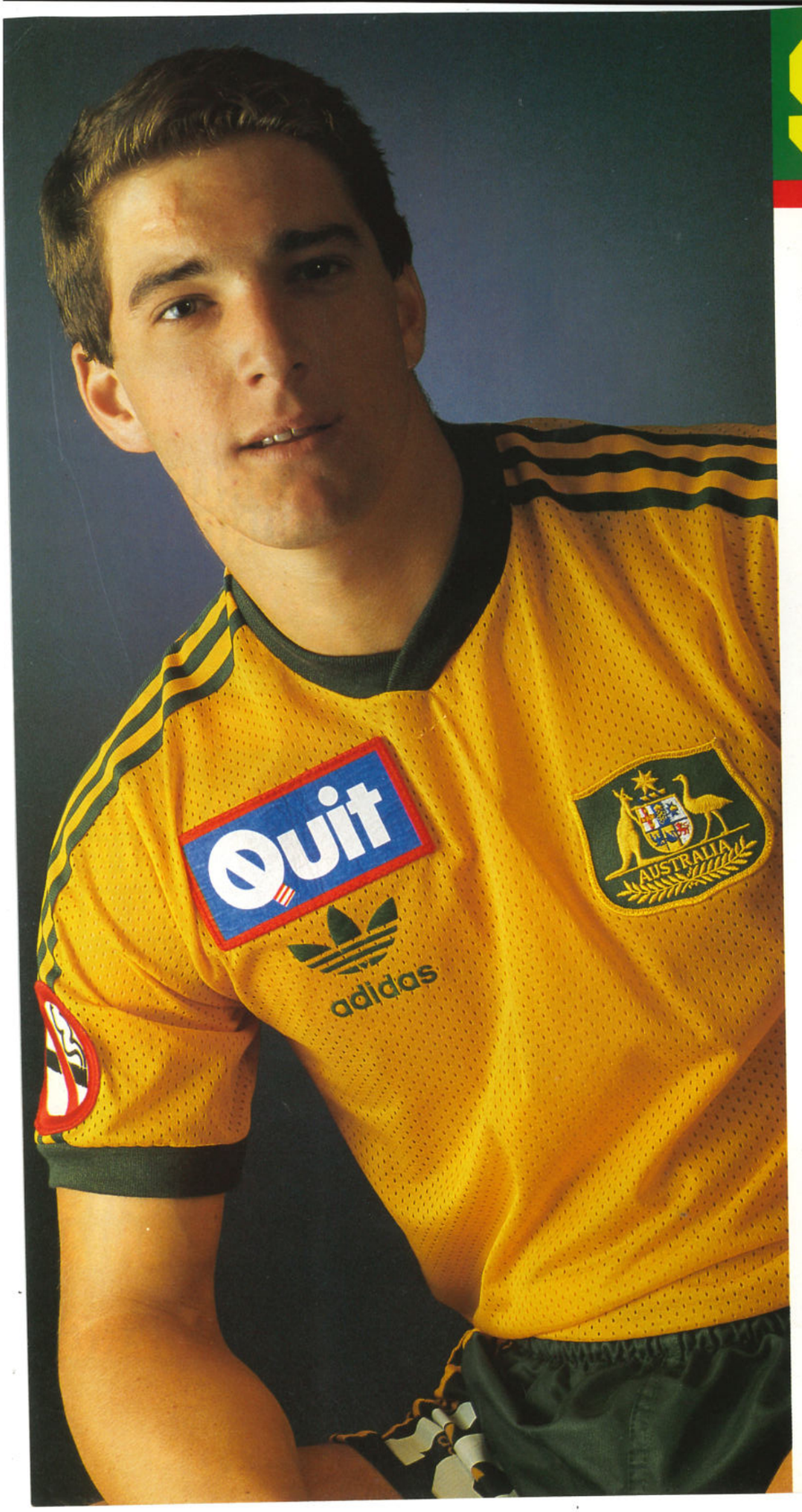

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KIMON TALIADOROS

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS - AUSTRALIAN SOCCEROOS

PERSONAL DETAILS

Nickname: Kim
Marital status: Single
Date of Birth: March 28, 1968
Weight: 79kg
Height: 5'11"
Playing position: Forward/Right Wing
How I keep fit/exercise routine: Enjoy Tennis, Golf
Most admired sportsperson: Boris Becker
Likes: All Sports and Relaxing
My type of woman: Brunettes with a good sense of humour
Nationality: Australian
Occupation: Accountancy Student
Star sign: Aries
Favourite foods: Greek Food
Favourite drink: Beer
Favourite music: Pink Floyd
Favourite TV show: The Wonder Years
Type of Car: Mini Moke
Dislikes: Disorganisation

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SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Andrew Bernal.

Bernal out to Repeat Dream

Our cover man Andrew Bernal is a success story within a success story.

The defender is pictured holding the NSL championship trophy which he won with Sydney Olympic in the 1989-90 season.

The Australian Institute of Sport product traipsed across Europe for three years in search of full professional soccer before finally returning to Australia two seasons ago in search of establishing himself in the Australian national team.

The dream appeared to have passed him by when in the first season he was used just the once by the Socceroos and then was overlooked not only by the national team but also struggled to hold down a regular spot in the side as Sydney Olympic searched in vain to win its first NSL title.

Olympic ended up losing out after getting defeated in the Grand Final by Marconi.

■ All that changed last season and 1989-90 will go down as the campaign when both Sydney Olympic and Andrew Bernal came of age.

Olympic achieved the 14 year old dream of winning a national championship.

The club did it in fairy tale style - just barely making the finals and then going on to win the title from fifth spot.

Bernal topped off a marvellous season by being recalled in the Socceroos and starring in the Indonesian Merdeka Cup to establish him as the ideal central defender for the new young national team.

■ The only way to top all that off is by Bernal's Olympic achieving the impossible.

In soccer terms that translates into successfully defending the championship.

In Sydney Olympic terms, that is exactly what the supporters expect.

■ No one knows that better than coach Mick Hickman.

"Everyone will look at us as the main target to knock off and I know it won't be easy," Hickman said on the eve of the season kick-off.

"The players know that but I believe the experience gained over the past two seasons has made everyone hungry to continue the success we've finally enjoyed and everyone is looking forward to the coming league campaign.

"With these things you never can tell but having to play South Melbourne in the pre-season Charity Shield always was going to provide us with a good yardstick.

"I believe the early part of the season will be vital to any team with championship hopes."

■ Olympic has concentrated largely on retaining the squad which won the title.

The coach's recruiting targets have been replacements for the two players the club lost.

Gary Phillips has announced his retirement from the game to take up a job in Hong Kong promoting surfing.

His non-stop grafting will be missed and Hickman's main priority has been to find a suitable replacement in the middle of the park.

Youngster Eric Hristodoulou will be a strong contender for the spot after establishing himself as a quality player in his first NSL campaign last season.

■ Up front Alistair Edwards, one of the goalscorers in the Grand Final victory over Marconi, got itchy feet once again and transferred to Singapore for $50,000.

Sydney Olympic 90-91

Retained

Dave Barrett	John Koch
Jason Bennett	Grant Lee
Andrew Bernal	S. Ollerenshaw
Clint Gosling	Marko Perinovic
Kevin Hagan	Nick Plataniotis
Robert Hooker	Steve Refenes
Eric Hristodoulou	Abbas Saad
Robert Ironside	Tony Spyridakos

Additions

Michael Lardis	Signed from Wollongong
Kevin Hagan	returning from injury

Recruiting targets

Ross Greer	from Perth
unnamed goalkeeper	

Departures

Steve Georgakis	to Marconi
Jason Oldridge	Wollongong
Gary Phillips	retired

Uncertain

Alistair Edwards seeking permanent transfer to Singapore
Tom Pontidas listed

■ As Edwards' replacement, Olympic has been chasing Ross Greer, who has been among Perth's leading strikers for a number of seasons.

Several NSL clubs were after his services but Greer opted for a trial with Bristol City only to return from England after a few weeks. He showed an inclination to join Olympic ahead of the other NSL offers.

David Barrett... to be used as fullback - cum midfielder.

■ Olympic will also regain two strikers in Scott Ollerenshaw and Kevin Hagan.

Hagan missed all of last season after undergoing a groin operation but he participated in the pre-season training and looks set to be a starter from the NSL kick-off.

Ollerenshaw gave little value for his $45,000 transfer last season mainly because of an injury which also required an operation. He too has been running and training extremely well and Olympic is hopeful of a big season from him.

■ The main problem Sydney Olympic had to contend with in the close season was Steve Georgakis.

The fullback was disappointed at missing the finals series and sought a move but he had renewed talks with the club and finally agreed to battle it out and compete for his spot. He changed his mind just before the season kick-off and signed for Marconi in a $23,000 transfer.

■ Regardless of Georgakis' final decision coach Hickman remains undecided on the tactical approach by his side.

The coach moved captain Robbie Hooker from sweeper to Georgakis' leftback position and the switch paid off in the finals series.

"We played 4-4-2 and it brought us results but I still like playing with a sweeper and we might change tactics and go back to a 3-5-2 with the two wide players in the "5" operating as fullbacks-cum-midfielders."

Rightback Dave Barrett will be one of the "Wide" players but the other spot will depend largely on who Olympic ends up signing.

"A lot will depend on the results of the early games."

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ADELAIDE CITY	***	Jan 24 2-0	Dec 17 1-2	Apr 1 3-0	Jan 14 1-1	Apr 15 0-0	Nov 10 1-1	Mar 18 2-1	Feb 11 3-0	Dec 10 1-1	Feb 24 4-1	Nov 26 3-1	Dec 30 1-0	Jan 28 3-0
ADELAIDE HELLAS	Apr 22 0-1	***	Jan 28 2-1	Feb 18 0-3	Dec 3 2-3	Mar 4 0-3	Mar 25 2-2	Feb 4 2-0	Jan 7 1-4	Mar 11 1-0	Jan 21 1-1	Apr 6 0-1	Nov 17 0-4	Dec 23 4-1
APIA LEICHHARDT	Mar 11 0-0	Nov 4 2-0	***	Jan 14 5-1	Apr 16 1-2	Jan 26 2-1	Feb 11 2-1	Dec 30 2-0	Nov 25 0-0	Dec 23 2-1	Dec 10 1-1	Feb 25 1-1	Apr 1 1-1	Nov 11 1-2
BLACKTOWN	Jan 5 1-2	Nov 25 2-1	Apr 7 2-4	***	Nov 11 3-1	Feb 9 1-5	Dec 10 0-2	Jan 20 0-3	Mar 10 1-3	Jan 28 1-1	Mar 24 3-0	Dec 23 1-2	Apr 22 1-1	Feb 24 1-2
MARCONI	Apr 8 3-1	Feb 24 4-0	Jan 21 1-2	Feb 28 2-1	***	Nov 25 1-1	Mar 11 0-1	Apr 22 2-1	Dec 22 0-0	Mar 7 3-2	Jan 6 5-1	Mar 25 2-0	Nov 4 1-0	Dec 9 0-0
MELBOURNE CROATIA	Jan 20 3-3	Dec 10 3-1	Apr 22 1-0	Nov 19 1-0	Feb 18 0-1	***	Dec 22 0-1	Nov 3 0-0	Mar 25 1-1	Feb 24 2-1	Apr 8 2-0	Jan 7 0-3	Feb 3 2-1	Mar 11 3-0
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SOUTH MELBOURNE	Nov 19 1-0	Apr 1 1-0	Feb 17 1-1	Dec 17 4-2	Mar 18 3-1	Dec 29 2-1	Apr 16 2-2	Dec 3 2-1	***	Jan 26 2-0	Feb 4 1-0	Nov 5 4-0	Mar 4 2-1	Jan 13 0-0
ST GEORGE	Mar 4 1-1	Dec 15 4-0	Mar 18 0-0	Nov 3 1-1	Nov 17 0-7	Dec 1 1-3	Jan 12 0-0	Apr 1 2-1	Apr 22 1-4	***	Feb 16 1-0	Feb 21 1-2	Jan 21 1-0	Dec 29 1-3
SUNSHINE G. CROSS	Dec 2 0-1	Apr 15 1-1	Mar 4 2-1	Dec 30 1-1	Apr 1 0-2	Jan 14 1-5	Jan 28 3-1	Dec 17 3-0	Nov 12 2-0	Nov 25 2-2	***	Feb 10 1-2	Mar 18 0-1	Jan 26 1-0
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WOLLONGONG	Nov 4 0-2	Mar 18 7-0	Feb 14 2-1	Dec 3 3-2	Mar 4 0-2	Dec 17 0-4	Jan 7 0-0	Nov ;18 2-0	Apr 8 0-2	Mar 25 0-6	Apr 25 4-0	Jan 21 1-3	Feb 18 3-3	***

WHERE THEY STOOD ROUND BY ROUND

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Adelaide City	-	3	9	3	3	4	7	7	6	5	6	6	5	3	5	3	2	2	4	5	4	3	2	4	4	4
Adelaide Hellas	-	13	14	14	13	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Apia Leichhardt	-	6	4	7	6	7	5	4	3	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	4	6	5	5	5	5	6
Blacktown	-	2	8	6	8	10	11	11	12	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Marconi	-	9	1	1	2	3	3	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	3	5	3	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Melbourne Croatia	-	7	6	8	5	2	2	3	5	6	5	5	7	6	4	2	4	4	2	2	1	2	4	3	3	3
Melita Eagles	-	12	13	13	14	13	13	13	10	10	9	8	8	10	10	11	9	10	9	8	9	8	7	8	8	8
Preston Makedonia	-	8	11	11	10	9	10	8	9	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	7	8	8	7	8	9	9	9	9	9
South Melbourne	-	5	2	4	4	5	4	5	4	3	3	3	3	5	2	4	5	5	6	3	3	4	3	2	2	2
St George	-	4	10	10	11	11	9	9	11	12	11	10	12	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	11	10	10	10	10
Sunshine G Cross	-	1	3	5	9	8	6	6	7	9	10	11	9	8	8	9	10	11	10	10	11	12	12	12	12	12
Sydney Croatia	-	14	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	11	12	12	11	9	9	8	8	7	7	9	7	7	8	7	7	7
Sydney Olympic	-	11	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	4	4	4	6	6	6	6	5	6	5	6	6	6	6	5
Wollongong	-	10	5	9	7	6	8	10	8	8	8	9	10	12	12	10	11	9	11	11	10	10	11	11	11	11

Sydney Olympic's 89-90 Record

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
Dave Barrett	29	-	1	21	21.2.69
Jason Bennett	1	-	-	20	19.9.69
Andrew Bernal	22	3	-	24	16.5.66
Alistair Edwards	6	2	2	21	21.6.68
Steve Georgakis	22	-	1	19	25.8.70
Clint Gosling	30	-	-	30	1.5.60
Kevin Hagan	10	1	4	32	11.8.57
Robert Hooker	27	-	-	23	6.3.67
Eric Hristodoulou	7	10	1	19	23.6.70
Robert Ironside	26	1	8	22	20.8.67
John Koch	5	3	1	21	26.6.68
Grant Lee	26	3	3	28	19.10.61
Scott Ollerenshaw	14	1	2	22	9.2.68
Marko Perinovic	18	5	7	25	15.9.64
Gary Phillips	25	3	2	26	9.6.63
Nick Plataniotis	19	-	2	21	3.1.69
Tom Pontidas	2	-	-	22	3.2.68
Steve Refenes	9	2	-	20	19.2.70
Abbas Saad	25	-	13	22	1.12.67
Tony Spyridakos	7	1	-	26	9.4.64
		Coaches			
Eddie Thomson	3				25.2.47
Peter Raskopoulos	9				22.2.62
Mick Hickman	18				

Eric Hristodoulou.

Shock Retirement ... Gary Phillips, seen here drawing away from Ivan Duzel of Melbourne Croatia, has swapped soccer for surfing.

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Oct 7	Preston Mak	v	Wollongong City	
Oct 7	South Melbourne	v	Melb Croatia	
Oct 7	Sunshine G.C.	v	Heidelberg	
Oct 7	Sydney Croatia	v	Marconi	
Oct 7	Sydney Olympic	v	Adelaide City	
Oct 6	Wollongong Mac	v	Melita Eagles	

Round 2				
Oct 14	Adelaide City	v	Wollongong Mac	
Oct 14	Heidelberg	v	Apia Leichhardt	
Oct 14	Marconi	v	Sunshine G.C.	
Oct 14	Melb Croatia	v	Sydney Croatia	
Oct 14	Melita Eagles	v	South Melbourne	
Oct 14	St George	v	Preston Mak	
Oct 12	Wollongong City	v	Sydney Olympic	

Round 3				
Oct 21	Apia Leichhardt	v	Marconi	
Oct 21	Preston Mak	v	Heidelberg	
Oct 21	South Melbourne	v	Adelaide City	
Oct 21	Sunshine G.C.	v	Melb Croatia	
Oct 21	Sydney Croatia	v	Melita Eagles	
Oct 21	Sydney Olympic	v	Wollongong Mac	
Oct 21	Wollongong City	v	St George	

Round 4				
Oct 28	Adelaide City	v	Sydney Croatia	
Oct 28	Heidelberg	v	Wollongong City	
Oct 28	Marconi	v	Preston Mak	
Oct 28	Melb Croatia	v	Apia Leichhardt	
Oct 27	Melita Eagles	v	Sunshine G.C.	
Oct 28	Sydney Olympic	v	St George	
Oct 28	Wollongong Mac	v	South Melbourne	

Round 5				
Nov 4	Apia Leichhardt	v	Melita Eagles	
Nov 4	Preston Mak	v	Melb Croatia	
Nov 4	South Melbourne	v	Sydney Olympic	
Nov 4	St George	v	Heidelberg	
Nov 4	Sunshine G.C.	v	Adelaide City	
Nov 4	Sydney Croatia	v	Wollongong Mac	
Nov 4	Wollongong City	v	Marconi	

Round 6				
Nov 11	Apia Leichhardt	v	Adelaide City	
Nov 11	Heidelberg	v	Sydney Olympic	
Nov 11	Preston Mak	v	Melita Eagles	
Nov 11	St George	v	Marconi	
Nov 11	Sunshine G.C.	v	Wollongong Mac	
Nov 11	Sydney Croatia	v	South Melbourne	
Nov 11	Wollongong City	v	Melb Croatia	

Round 7				
Nov 18	Adelaide City	v	Preston Mak	
Nov 18	Marconi	v	Heidelberg	
Nov 18	Melb Croatia	v	St George	
Nov 18	Melita Eagles	v	Wollongong City	
Nov 18	South Melbourne	v	Sunshine G.C.	
Nov 18	Sydney Olympic	v	Sydney Croatia	
Nov 18	Wollongong Mac	v	Apia Leichhardt	

Round 8				
Nov 25	Apia Leichhardt	v	South Melbourne	
Nov 25	Heidelberg	v	Melb Croatia	
Nov 25	Marconi	v	Sydney Olympic	
Nov 25	Preston Mak	v	Wollongong Mac	
Nov 25	St George	v	Melita Eagles	
Nov 25	Sunshine G.C.	v	Sydney Croatia	
Nov 25	Wollongong City	v	Adelaide City	

Round 9				
Dec 2	Adelaide City	v	St George	
Dec 2	Melb Croatia	v	Marconi	
Dec 2	Melita Eagles	v	Heidelberg	
Dec 2	South Melbourne	v	Preston Mak	
Dec 2	Sydney Croatia	v	Apia Leichhardt	
Dec 2	Sydney Olympic	v	Sunshine G.C.	
Dec 2	Wollongong Mac	v	Wollongong City	

Round 10				
Dec 9	Apia Leichhardt	v	Sunshine G.C.	
Dec 9	Heidelberg	v	Adelaide City	
Dec 9	Marconi	v	Melita Eagles	
Dec 9	Melb Croatia	v	Sydney Olympic	
Dec 9	Preston Mak	v	Sydney Croatia	
Dec 9	St George	v	Wollongong Mac	
Dec 9	Wollongong City	v	South Melbourne	

Round 11				
Dec 16	Adelaide City	v	Marconi	
Dec 16	Melita Eagles	v	Melb Croatia	
Dec 16	South Melbourne	v	St George	
Dec 16	Sunshine G.C.	v	Preston Mak	
Dec 16	Sydney Croatia	v	Wollongong City	
Dec 16	Sydney Olympic	v	Apia Leichhardt	
Dec 16	Wollongong Mac	v	Heidelberg	

Round 12				
Dec 23	Heidelberg	v	South Melbourne	
Dec 23	Marconi	v	Wollongong Mac	
Dec 23	Melb Croatia	v	Adelaide City	
Dec 23	Melita Eagles	v	Sydney Olympic	
Dec 23	Preston Mak	v	Apia Leichhardt	
Dec 23	St George	v	Sydney Croatia	
Dec 23	Wollongong City	v	Sunshine G.C.	

Round 13				
Dec 30	Adelaide City	v	Melita Eagles	
Dec 30	Apia Leichhardt	v	Wollongong	
Dec 30	South Melbourne	v	Marconi	
Dec 30	Sunshine G.C.	v	St George	
Dec 30	Sydney Croatia	v	Heidelberg	
Dec 30	Sydney Olympic	v	Preston Mak	
Dec 30	Wollongong Mac	v	Melb Croatia	

Round 14				
Jan 6	Adelaide City	v	Sydney Olympic	
Jan 6	Heidelberg	v	Sunshine G.C.	
Jan 6	Marconi	v	Sydney Croatia	
Jan 6	Melb Croatia	v	South Melbourne	
Jan 6	Melita Eagles	v	Wollongong Mac	
Jan 6	St George	v	Apia Leichhardt	
Jan 6	Wollongong City	v	Preston Mak	

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Round 15				
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Jan 13	Preston Mak	v	St George	
Jan 13	South Melbourne	v	Melita Eagles	
Jan 13	Sunshine G.C.	v	Marconi	
Jan 13	Sydney Croatia	v	Melb Croatia	
Jan 13	Sydney Olympic	v	Wollongong City	
Jan 13	Wollongong Mac	v	Adelaide City	

Round 16				
Jan 20	Adelaide City	v	South Melbourne	
Jan 20	Heidelberg	v	Preston Mak	
Jan 20	Marconi	v	Apia Leichhardt	
Jan 20	Melb Croatia	v	Sunshine G.C.	
Jan 20	Melita Eagles	v	Sydney Croatia	
Jan 20	St George	v	Wollongong City	
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Round 17				
Jan 27	Apia Leichhardt	v	Melb Croatia	
Jan 27	Preston Mak	v	Marconi	
Jan 27	South Melbourne	v	Wollongong Mac	
Jan 27	St George	v	Sydney Olympic	
Jan 27	Sunshine G.C.	v	Melita Eagles	
Jan 27	Sydney Croatia	v	Adelaide City	
Jan 27	Wollongong City	v	Heidelberg	

Round 18				
Feb 3	Adelaide City	v	Sunshine G.C.	
Feb 3	Heidelberg	v	St George	
Feb 3	Marconi	v	Wollongong City	
Feb 3	Melb Croatia	v	Preston Mak	
Feb 3	Melita Eagles	v	Apia Leichhardt	
Feb 3	Sydney Olympic	v	South Melbourne	
Feb 3	Wollongong Mac	v	Sydney Croatia	

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Feb 10	Adelaide City	v	Apia Leichhardt	
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Round 21				
Feb 24	Adelaide City	v	Wollongong City	
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Feb 24	Melita Eagles	v	St George	
Feb 24	South Melbourne	v	Apia Leichhardt	
Feb 24	Sydney Croatia	v	Sunshine G.C.	
Feb 24	Sydney Olympic	v	Marconi	
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Mar 17	St George	v	South Melbourne	
Mar 17	Wollongong City	v	Sydney Croatia	

Round 25				
Mar 23	Heidelberg	v	Sydney Croatia	
Mar 23	Marconi	v	South Melbourne	
Mar 23	Melb Croatia	v	Wollongong Mac	
Mar 23	Melita Eagles	v	Adelaide City	
Mar 23	Preston Mak	v	Sydney Olympic	
Mar 23	St George	v	Sunshine G.C.	
Mar 23	Wollongong City	v	Apia Leichhardt	

Round 26				
Mar 30	Adelaide City	v	Melb Croatia	
Mar 30	Apia Leichhardt	v	Preston Mak	
Mar 30	South Melbourne	v	Heidelberg	
Mar 30	Sunshine G.C.	v	Wollongong City	
Mar 30	Sydney Croatia	v	St George	
Mar 30	Sydney Olympic	v	Melita Eagles	
Mar 30	Wollongong Mac	v	Marconi	

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Dreadful World Cup... but it had a thin SILVER LINING

By Michael Cockerill
who covered the World Cup finals for the Sydney Morning Herald.

When the World Cup final is not even deemed fit for public consumption in the video stores of Europe, then you have to concede that the football on display during Italia '90 is hardly likely to inspire the next generation of soccer artisans.

"The match was too mediocre to satisfy our clients," said a spokesman for Video-Film, Europe's leading video company, providing a damning indictment on the quality offered by West Germany and Argentina during their laborious showdown in the heat of Rome's Olympic Stadium last July.

Hard headed commercialism? Certainly, but true nevertheless.

The World Cup finals which promised so much, ended up delivering very little.

The fans played their part, the organizers got it right and the promoters worked overtime.

But the stars of the show, the players, fluffed their lines as the straightjackets inflicted upon them by a series of paranoid managers proved too much to bear (or should that be to wear?).

Stifled by the negative tactics which insisted that not losing was infinitely preferable to actually winning, the 52 games became a test of endurance for the billions of supporters who watched the games both live and through their television sets at home.

■ We kept hoping that the good news was just around the corner.

But as the weeks dragged on, elation gave way to boredom as two salient points became clear.

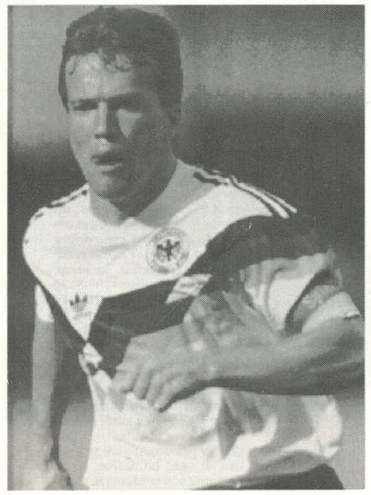
Firstly, the great players are not around anymore. And secondly, those few gifted soloists who are around - among them Gascoigne, Scifo, Giannini, Schillaci, Caniggia and co - were fighting an uphill battle to triumph the legions of muscular defenders sent out as shock troops by fearful managers who wanted to suffocate their invigorating skills.

Mediocrity reigned supreme and even the magnificent setting of Italia '90 failed to inspire a change.

These World Cup finals were, unquestionably, among the worst in the history of the game.

■ Yet they say every black cloud has a silver lining. And, from the ashes of a dreadful tournament, emerged a growing realization that something has to be done to rescue the intrinsic beauty of this game.

Enough is enough, and for the first time, even those in the corridors of power seem to understand the need for change.



Lothar Matthaeus.

The world governing body, FIFA, mindful that the next World Cup finals in the USA may be a disaster unless more excitement is put back into the game, took one important step by altering the offside rule to encourage more goals.

And even influential officials at both international and club level are saying that soccer must regain its lustre, that while it remains a multi billion dollar business, it also has a duty to entertain.

If these men back up their words with action, then Italia '90 may prove to be the catalyst for a genuine revolution.

Soccer, certainly, is in desperate need of a re-fit to bring the enjoyment back to the game.

In the meantime, despite the pervasive atmosphere of disappointment, it was worth reflecting on the handful of worthwhile memories form these World Cup finals.

The tournament, after all, did provide a few highlights and in these pages we give you the pick of them - the best and the worst of Italia '90.

BEST FOUR TEAMS:
1. West Germany.
2. Italy.
3. Belgium.
4. Cameroon.

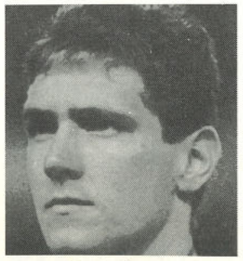
WORST FOUR TEAMS:
1. United Arab Emirates.
2. USA.
3. South Korea.
4. Austria.

BEST PLAYERS:
1. Lothar Matthaeus (WG).
2. Salvatore Schillaci (Ita).
3. Paul Gascoigne (Eng).

Careca.

MOST DISAPPOINTING PLAYERS:
1.Marco Van Basten (Hol).
2. Frank Rijkaard (Hol).
3. Gianluca Vialli (Ita).
4. Careca (Bra).

BEST GOALKEEPER:
Bodo Ilgner (WG).



Bodo Ilgner.

WORST GOALKEEPER:
Muhsin Faraj (UAE).

BEST GOAL:
Michel (Spain) vs South Korea, 1st round, Udine.

Michel.

BEST GAME:
West Germany v Holland, 2nd round, Milan.

SILVER LINING

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WORST GAME:
England v Eire, 1st round, Cagliari.

BEST REFEREE:
Jose Ramiz Wright (Bra).

WORST REFEREE:
Erik Frederiksson (Sweden).

Jose Ramiz Wright

Erik Frederiksson

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENTS:
1. Holland.
2. USSR.

BIGGEST SURPRISES:
1. Cameroon.
2. Costa Rica.

BEST STADIUM:
Giuseppe Meazza (San Siro), Milan.

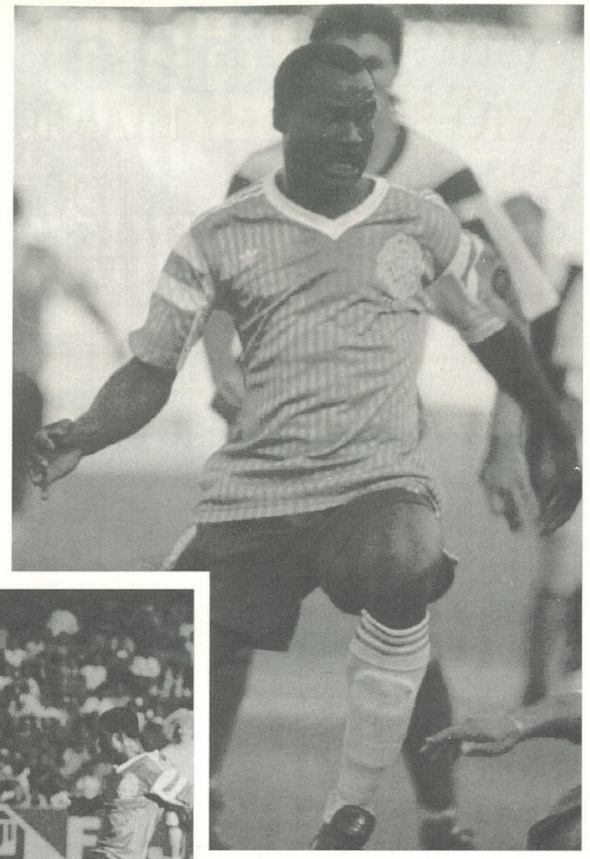
WORST STADIUM:
Sant'Elia, Cagliari.

TEAMS AUSTRALIA COULD HAVE BEATEN:
Scotland.
Austria
UAE
South Korea
USA
Egypt.

BEST MOMENT:
Roger Milla, stealing the ball off a wandering Rene Higuita and running through to score, Colombia v Cameroon, 2nd round, Naples.

Frank Rijkaard

WORST MOMENT:
Frank Rijkaard spitting at Rudi Voller, West Germany v Holland, 2nd round, Milan.



Roger Milla in action.

Roger Milla - Best Moment.

MOST POIGNANT MOMENT:
Paul Gascoigne weeping buckets of tears after receiving a yellow card which he thought would keep him out of the final, W.Germany v England, semifinal, Turin.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:
Irish and Scottish fans.
Italian weather.
Italian hostesses.
Cameroon.
Rene Higuita.
Roger Milla.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:
Arrogant hotel staff.
taxi drivers.
exorbitant prices.
self congratulatory FIFA officials.
hooligans of any description.
ignorant American journalists (there were a lot of those).

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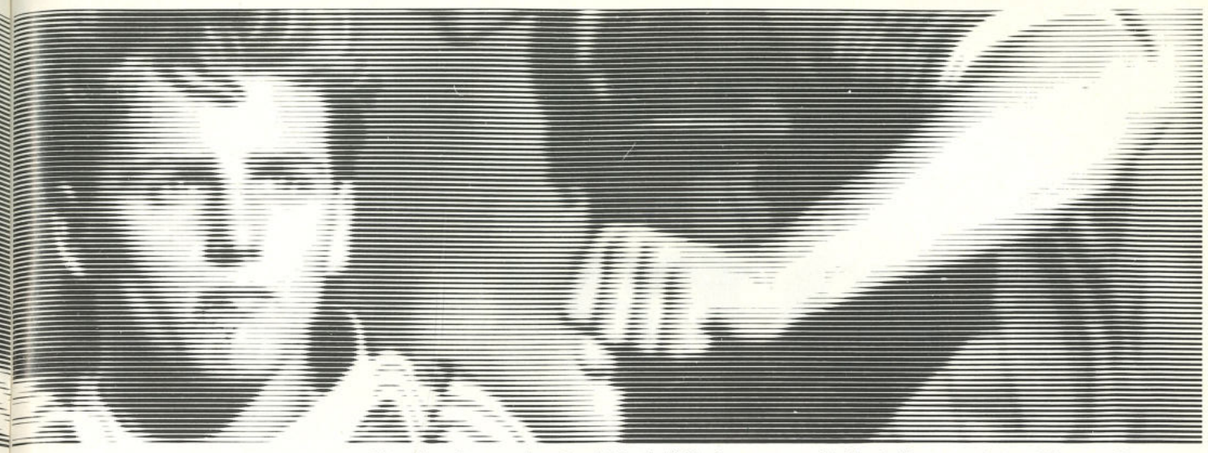


Heading forward ... Paul Trimboli (facing camera) is back from a stint at Glascow Rangers.

Paul Trimboli was the main talking point at South Melbourne in the close season.

Glasgow Rangers has been showing an interest in the young striker for the past two seasons and in the close season Trimboli took up the offer of an all-expenses-paid visit to Scotland to have a closer look at the club.

The speculation was that South Melbourne would have to find a replacement central striker amid talk that Rangers would make a big transfer offer for Trimboli.

Trimboli trained with the Rangers first team and played in several reserves games but the South Melbourne committee remained calm and their patience paid off when Trimboli accepted the offer to return to Australia to join the Socceroos for their tour of South Korea in early September.

■ The astute judgement and lack of panic by South is typical of the new leadership which has inspired unmatched confidence at the club over the past 12 months.

The bright young administration led by president George Vasilopoulos has set new high standards previously unheard of in Victorian clubs and the prospects are that South will again challenge for the championship not only because it has the players but also because of the stability that now exists at the club.

Vasilopoulos not only convinced Ferenc Puskas to stay on as coach but also retained the vast majority of last year's squad with the minimum of fuss.

■ The only departure from the club was reserve striker Damian Mori who left for Brunswick Juventus early in the close season.

The rest of the players ranging from relative veterans Steve Blair and Paul Wade to youngster Mike Michalakopoulos have all signed on for another season and been set the aim not only of winning the championship but also to retain the NSL Cup the club won for the first time last season.

■ The squad's high ranking has been further increased in the close season when the new Socceroos squad included no less than five South players - Wade, Mike Petersen, Kimon Taliadoros, Mehmet Durakovic and Trimboli - while Michalakopoulos was promoted in the Olympic Socceroo squad.

■ The additions have come from three players returning from long term injuries.

Steve Tasios, sidelined all last year with a bone fracture in the ankle, has done well in the pre-season and the hopes are high that he will re-establish himself in midfield to resume the challenge for a spot in the Socceroos.

Defender Paul Fernandes also has recovered from a broken bone in the ankle while fullback Haris Micheil is on the road to recovery from a hernia operation.

■ South expressed interest in Sunshine's Ernie Tapai but the club's main target has been Canadian international Robert Czabai, who recently helped his club to the Canadian national championship.

The attacking midfielder is the son of Joseph Czabai, who played for Ferencvaros in Hungary at the same time that Puskas was starring for Honved at that beginning of his playing career.

Czabai snr and Puskas have remained friends and the subject of his son was broached when the pair met again while Puskas was in Europe in the close season.

Puskas came back with the information that the player's demands would prove too much for the club, but president Vasilopoulos has still extended the offer for the player to come to Australia for a month so that both parties can have a good look at each other.

After that, a more definite decision can be attempted.

■ Off the field, the club has appointed Barry Horsfall as the club's fulltime marketing and administrative manager and the move paid immediate dividends when South landed a $75,000 sponsorship from Lotto on top of its present deal with Marathon Foods.

The Lotto strip includes a novelty - computer socks which stay up and which have pockets for shinpads to completely do away with the need for tie-ups.

South Melb 90-91

Retained

Steve Blair	Mike Petersen
M. Durakovic	Angie Postecoglou
Paul Fernandes	Kimon Taliadoros
David Healy	Paul Trimboli
Bruce Maclaren	Peter Tsolakis
M. Michalakopoulos	Paul Wade
Haris Micheil	Danny Wright
Joe Palatsides	

Additions

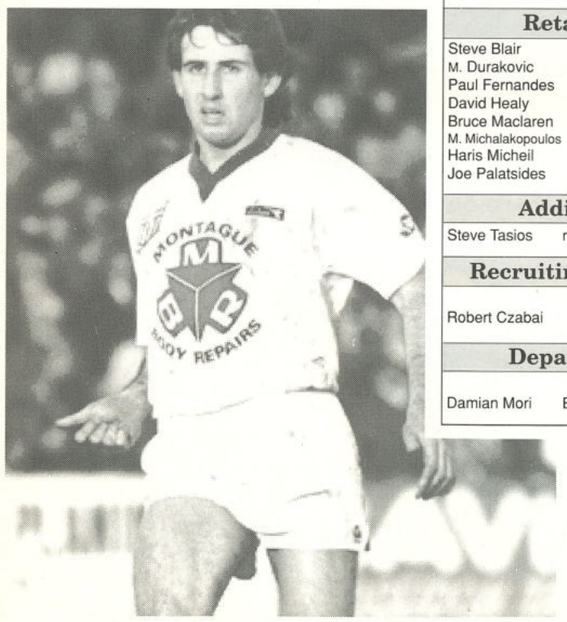
Steve Tasios	returning from injury

Recruiting targets

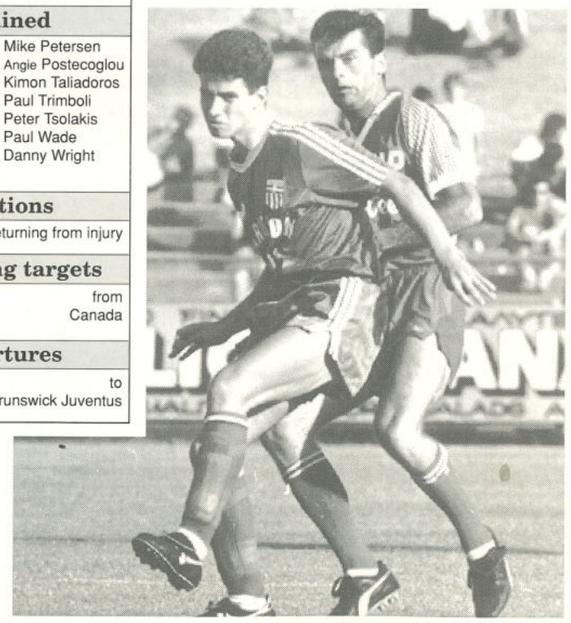
Robert Czabai	from Canada

Departures

Damian Mori	to Brunswick Juventus



Steve Tasios .... returning from injury.



Mike Michalakopoulos (front)... included in the Olympic Socceroos.

South Melbourne's 89-90 Record

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
Steve Blair	28	-	2	28	28.9.61
Mehmet Durakovic	25	-	-	24	13.10.65
Paul Fernandes	5	2	-	22	22.8.67
David Healy	24	-	-	22	13.3.68
Bruce Maclaren	28	-	-	28	11.5.62
M. Michalakopoulos	3	7	-	20	7.12.69
Haris Micheil	6	1	-	21	6.10.68
Damian Mori	5	8	1	19	30.9.70
Joe Palatsides	18	8	3	24	2.7.65
Mike Petersen	23	-	-	25	6.5.65
Angie Postecoglou	17	5	-	24	27.8.65
Kimon Taliadoros	25	-	12	22	28.3.68
Steve Tasios	-	-	-	22	31.7.67
Paul Trimboli	24	-	7	21	25.2.69
Peter Tsolakis	28	-	13	24	9.12.65
Paul Wade	28	-	1	28	20.3.62
Danny Wright	21	-	1	26	2.11.64
own goals			3		
		COACH			
Ferenc Puskas	28				

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APIA LEICHHARDT

Captured Nomad ... Apia has signed much travelled David Batten as a free agent.

Highly rated midfielder Alex Bundalo has renewed contracts with Apia Leichhardt putting an end to speculation that he would rejoin his hometown club Wollongong.

Bundalo lost his driving licence for 18 months following a courtcase to raise doubts about whether he would be able to cope with the constant travelling to training and for matches.

"We have bought him monthly bus tickets," coach Manfred Schaefer said jokingly when asked how the club had got around the problem.

Bundalo not only renewed his contract but was also a contender for the captaincy in the close season with the likes of Graham Jennings and Darren Stewart.

■ The skipper's job became available following Bruce Halliday's return to England in the close season.

Halliday was the club's player of the year and signed a new contract before returning to UK.

He has now advised the club he won't return because he has elderly parents who need looking after.

■ Schaefer accepted the full-time coaching position for a second season after Apia resolved its internal problems.

Ron Orsati has taken over as president from Nick Scali, who in his short term in charge had hinted a scaling down of interest in the soccer side by the Apia Social Club.

Orsati, a soccer fanatic, has taken over as president of both the social club and the soccer to kill off the doubts and has fully committed the club to the NSL.

"We are going through difficult times and we can't afford to throw money away because of a liquidity factor but we are better off than 90 per cent of the other NSL clubs with a social club worth $10 million and we will continue playing NSL for ever providing we can avoid relegation," Orsati said.

The team has not been affected by the financial problems and apart from everyone being paid on time, the club has renewed contracts with the bulk of the players.

That has given Schaefer a strong base to work on and stopped him from having to look in the market to any great extent.

Schaefer is proud of the service by the players and is especially happy in midfield. Players like Shane Clinch and Brian Ellem have provided excellent value for money in their first season with the club.

Clinch is an unsung hero at Apia but his excellent workrate is highly appreciated by Schaefer.

Apia Leichhardt 90-91	
Retained	
Brett Hughes	Graham Jennings
Darren Stewart	Shane Clinch
Mark Brown	Peter Murray
Alex Bundalo	John McQuarrie
Milan Blagojevic	Rod Brown
Brian Ellem	
Additions	
	Signed from
David Batten	Syd Croatia
Matthew Dihm	Apia youth
Maurice Reyes	Apia youth
Derek Poimer.	Apia youth
Klaus Okon	Marconi
Gerry Gomez	Marconi
Recruiting targets	
	from
Richard Miranda	West Adelaide
Fausto De Amicis	Brunswick Juve
Departures	
	to
Tony Pezzano	listed $10,000
Bruce Halliday	returned to UK
Ron Manley	returned to UK
Uncertain	
Jason Van Blerk	renegotiating

■ Schaefer has signed Klaus Okon, striker David Batten and Gerry Gomez.

Batten, who played for Sydney Croatia and Wollongong last season, has been signed as a free agent.

Okon, on loan from Marconi last season, has been signed outright for around $8000.

■ One of Apia's recruiting targets is Richard Miranda. Miranda has remained based in Sydney despite being registered with West Adelaide. He started pre-season training with Apia after agreeing on terms and will be able to transfer for the $10,000 maximum stipulated in his contract.

The deal may be delayed because the utility has been sidelined for two months after dislocating an ankle playing for Adelaide in the NSL Promotion play-offs.

Gerry Gomez trained with Apia after agreeing on terms and let the club haggle with Marconi over his transfer fee. Apia finally signed him for $17,500 just before the League's kick-off.

■ Apia Leichhardt also is keen to gain the services of promising young defender Fausto De Amicis from Brunswick Juventus of the Victorian State League.

De Amicis was a discovery of Apia coach Manfred Schaefer when he coached Juve in 1988-89 and the defender has remained a favorite with the coach.

Schaefer however has dropped the interest in Brunswick's Reno Minichiello, mainly because the coach is satisfied with his midfield.

■ Apart from Halliday, the player Apia is losing is goalkeeper Tony Pezzano.

Pezzano was loaned free to West Adelaide and remains transfer listed at $10,000.

Schaefer expects problems retaining Jason Van Blerk who is keen to have another go at English soccer with Derby County.

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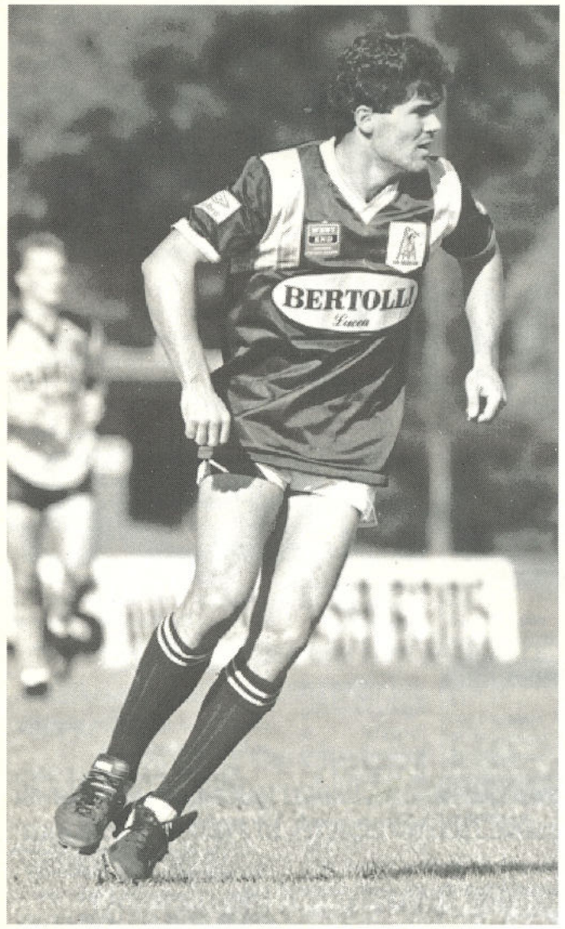
Apia's 89-90 Record

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
Milan Blagojevic	13	4	-	20	24.12.69
Mark Brown	13	7	-	27	2.3.63
Rod Brown	16	-	10	26	27.1.64
Alex Bundalo	26	-	8	24	18.5.66
Shane Clinch	24	1	3	26	6.1.64
John Cosentino	-	2	-	18	29.3.71
Brian Ellem	21	-	1	22	19.6.67
Bruce Halliday	24	-	-	29	3.1.61
Brett Hughes	1	-	-	21	19.4.69
Graham Jennings	24	-	-	30	18.1.60
Ron Manley	8	2	2	28	18.8.61
John McQuarrie	6	5	1	28	10.4.62
Peter Murray	20	5	4	19	24.8.70
Klaus Okon	12	8	1	20	14.7.69
Tony Pezzano	25	-	-	29	23.10.60
Mike Reda	-	1	-	17	30.12.72
Andy Stankovic	5	2	-	28	17.1.62
Darren Stewart	24	-	-	24	17.5.66
Nick Theodorakopoulos	1	5	2	25	22.6.64
Jason Van Blerk	23	2	1	22	16.3.68
own goals			3		
		COACH			
Manfred Schaefer:	26			47	12.2.43



Driving Force ... Alex Bundalo has renewed contracts despite "car" problems.

Unsung Hero ... Shane Clinch, one of the NSL's hardest working midfielders.

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PRESTON MAKEDONIA

Zoran Tasevski.

Working on a shoestring budget seems to be the destiny of John Gardiner's coaching career.

Gardiner achieved miracles in his five years at Sunshine George Cross defying all the odds to keep the club in the National League using players largely cast off from other clubs and losing any quality players he produced.

After a season out of the scene, Gardiner is back in the NSL this time in charge of Preston Makedonia, a club which had been competitive in the transfer market.

That is up until now!

An unusually big splurge over the past two seasons has left the club short of funds and Gardiner has been set the target of working with a very restricted budget - the money simply isn't there this season to make big name signings.

The new coach has accepted the situation for one simple reason - he has inherited a squad of quality players.

The bonus has come in the form of two cheap signings and the form of fringe young players who were already at the club.

■ The biggest coup for the club was the signing of highly rated Young Socceroo striker Kris Trajanovski from the institute of sport.

Preston beat off interest from South Melbourne and Sunshine for his signature.

Gardiner plans to introduce him into senior NSL soccer gradually and the coach's track record with the likes of Edi Krncevic, Robert Markovac, John Markovski and Steve Gojevic indicates the striker will be used sparingly - probably as a substitute at least in the first half of the season.

■ The other signing was centreback Shaun Parton, who had worked under Gardiner for most of his five seasons at Sunshine.

Gardiner felt the need for an authorative central defender and snapped Parton up when the captain won a tribunal case against Sunshine which brought his transfer fee down to $5000.

The importance Gardiner places on the defence is emphasised by his appointing Steve Jackson as the club's new captain.

■ The only other signings the club is expected to make is an attacking midfielder from Perth, who will join in late November after completing his playing commitments in the WA Super League.

And there is a chance that a first division player from Yugoslavia will also be recruited at a reasonable figure.

Preston Mak 90-91

Retained	
Lou Bekiaris	George Petrov
Oscar Crino	Laurie Ristevski
Steve Jackson	Robert Spasevski
George Jolevski	Warren Spink
Joe Markovac	Zoran Tasevski
Robert Markovac	Phil Traianedes
Robert Momirovski	Andrew Zinni

Additions	
	Signed from
Ian Roodhouse	returning from injury
Shaun Parton	Sunshine GC
Kris Trajanovski	AIS

Recruiting targets	
	from
Overseas signing	
Striker from Perth	

Departures	
	to
Robert Runje	Sydney Croatia
George Slifkas	Heidelberg
Steve Smith	Brunswick Juventus
Kire Temcev	Yugoslavia
Martin Woodall	Brunswick Juventus

Uncertain	
Bill Piculovski	listed
John Metaxas	listed
Tony Lingurovski	listed

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Follow the Leader ... new signing Shaun Parton has teamed up with John Gardiner again.

Best foot forward ... Warren Spink is back from a foot injury.

■ Even without those two signings, Preston will go into the season with an impressive squad.

Long serving Phil Traianedes remains one of the best keepers in the NSL.

Preston lost fullback Robert Runje to Sydney Croatia but the competition in the backline remains intense.

Parton, Steve Jackson, Zoran Tasevski and youngster Laurie Ristevski will compete for central defensive spots.

For the fullback positions there are new Socceroo George Jolevski, Ian Roodhouse who is returning after recovering from a knee reconstruction operation and Robert Spasevski, the winner of the Weinstein medal as Victoria's top junior player.

■ Another youngster who has been very impressive at training is Lou Bekiaris. The young striker is another AIS product with skill and plenty of speed but he appears to have matured now after a couple of seasons wandering overseas in search of a fulltime contract.

Central midfield comprises quality players of the calibre of Socceroo midfielder Oscar Crino and George Petrov. Tasevski could also be considered here for a defensive midfield role.

Andrew Zinni, recalled to the Socceroos in the close season, could either compete for a wide attacking midfield role or as a striking partner to Warren Spink, now back after a season sidelined by a hairline fracture of a bone in the foot.

Preston Mak's 89-90 Record

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
Lou Bekiaris	-	4	-	18	8.2.72
Michael Branov	1	3	-	21	14.5.69
Oscar Crino	13	1	-	27	9.8.62
Chris Emsovski	-	1	-	18	26.12.71
Vitale Ferrante	-	1	-	17	14.6.72
Steve Jackson	22	-	-	25	2.8.64
George Jolevski	26	-	3	21	26.3.69
Tony Lingurovski	-	1	-	20	2.12.69
Joe Markovac	1	9	-	19	8.5.71
Robert Markovac	25	-	6	22	21.6.67
John Metaxas	3	5	-	24	24.2.66
Robert Momirovski	3	9	1	18	20.7.71
George Petrov	24	1	-	24	11.4.65
Bill Piculovski	11	3	-	23	28.8.66
Laurie Ristevski	1	2	-	16	25.6.73
Robert Runje	22	-	-	21	26.2.69
George Slifkas	14	6	-	20	18.10.69
Steve Smith	19	-	9	29	13.1.61
Robert Spasevski	2	3	-	17	7.11.72
Warren Spink	5	1	1	23	4.10.66
Zoran Tasevski	21	-	-	31	30.11.58
Kire Temcev	14	-	2	23	27.8.66
Phil Traianedes	26	-	-	24	31.3.66
Martin Woodall	11	2	3	29	22.3.61
Andrew Zinni	22	-	8	25	6.3.65
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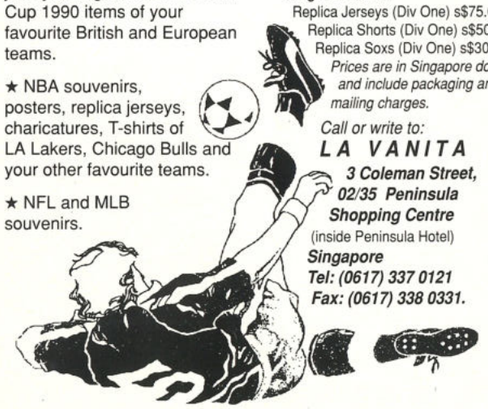

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Gilbert Martin, a sport journalist with the Italian newspaper La Fiamma and a former club secretary for 12 years, has ensured this testimony was not lost by collecting it in a book titled "JUVE! JUVE!" which recently went to print thanks to the generosity of Aquila Shoes, a firm with strong links with the club.

The author leads the reader not only through the story of a sports club, but also in the intimacy of the Italian community, going back in time to Savoia, a team which was established during the depression years and was disbanded at the outbreak of hostilities because the authorities regarded it "too Italian" and therefore dangerous to the security of the nation.

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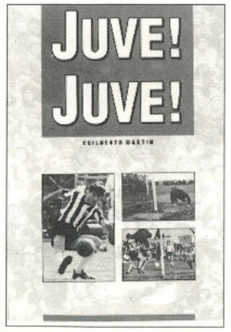

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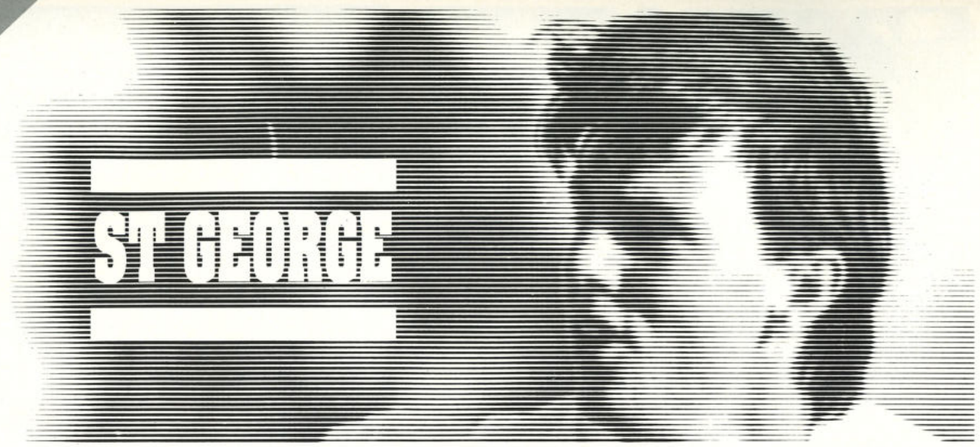

Stepping up ... Craig McGregor, bloodied last season, is now chasing a regular spot at St George.

Newly signed striker Randell Easthorpe will allow St George to use a three pronged attack this coming season.

St George manager Frank Arok appears certain to take a more adventurous approach to the NSL using Easthorpe as the foil for goal sneak Tony Krslovic, while Argentinian import Osvaldo El Ali will be used as the wide front runner to stretch defences.

It is an attack which has the potential to score plenty of goals and make St George a more definite candidate for a finals spot.

Easthorpe has arrived in an enterprising deal set up by Arok.

Fullback David Green, keen to play closer to home after four seasons of travelling from Wollongong, was released to the Wolves in exchange for Easthorpe and $2000 in a favorable transfer for the Saints.

■ Apart from Easthorpe, a number of experienced players ranging from Ante Rumora of Sydney Croatia, Tom Pontidas of Sydney Olympic and Burim Zajmi of Apia expressed interest in joining St George in the close season.

Whereas the interest has pleased the Saints, the club has remained at the forefront as Australia's main producer of home grown talent by naming a first team squad brimming with local products.

■ The bulk of last year's squad has been retained.

That includes captain Andy Koczka despite the player's close season declarations seeking an overseas club.

John Filan, who had a sensational first season by establishing himself as one of the best keepers in Australia, will remain as first choice despite the return from injury by Mike Gibson.

■ Mike Gibson - back in full training - is likely to seek new pastures rather than stay as the second choice at the club.

Mike O'Shea similarly is saddling up for another season, as are midfielders Craig Moffitt and Andy Harper.

St George products Matthew Bingley, Craig McGregor, Jim Morakeas and John Kakakios have been bloodied over the past two seasons and are now expected to produce big seasons as regulars.

Bingley and Kakakios have already sharpened up their talents by playing for the Young Socceroos on tours in the close season.

■ Youngsters who were fringe players last year will be expected to play a bigger part this season.

They include central defender Blago Milicevic, midfielder Eddie Haragli, defender Steve Hickman, and the first senior product of St George's apprenticeship scheme, Adam Poric.

Zoki Adioski is in that group having returned to the club after a season away from the game.

Their spots as fringe players vying for occasional places in the team will be taken by the next lot coming off the St George talent conveyor belt.

They include defender Elias Augerinos, Sean Freestone, midfielder Adam Ciantar and defensive midfielder Peter Tsekenis.

Such is St George's strength at youth level, the club is fielding two teams in the youth league for the coming season.

St George 90-91

Retained

Matthew Bingley.	Andy Koczka
Allan Dean	Tony Krslovic
Osvaldo El Ali	Craig McGregor
John Filan	Blago Milicevic
Mike Gibson	Craig Moffatt
Eddie Haragli	Jim Morakeas
Andy Harper	Mike O'Shea
Steve Hickman	Manny
John Kakakios	Spanoudakis

Additions

	Signed from
Randell Easthorpe	Wollongong
Adam Ciantar	youth
Peter Tsekenis	youth
Adam Poric	youth
Elias Augerinos	youth
Sean Freestone	youth

Recruiting targets

	from
Ante Rumora	Sydney Croatia
Tom Pontidas	Sydney Olympic
Burim Zajmi	Apia Leichhardt

Departures

	to
David Green	Wollongong
Steve Knight	Warringah

Uncertain

Zoran Ilic	trialling in Yugoslavia

St George's 89-90 Record

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
Matthew Bingley	24	1	5	18	16.8.71
Richard Collier	-	1	-	22	25.4.68
Allan Dean	15	-	-	31	6.12.58
Osvaldo El Ali	5	-	2	27	3.12.62
John Filan	26	-	-	20	8.2.70
David Green	24	-	-	27	4.5.63
Eddie Haragli	1	-	-	18	21.11.71
Andy Harper	24	-	6	23	13.5.67
Steve Hickman	-	2	1	19	24.10.70
Zoran Ilic	23	1	3	20	1.9.69
Vladan Jeremic	-	2	-	25	15.2.65
John Kakakios	2	15	-	18	7.8.71
Steve Knight	8	3	-	27	8.3.63
Andy Koczka	20	-	1	24	9.9.65
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Craig McGregor	9	4	-	19	15.1.71
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Mike O'Shea	25	-	-	30	27.5.60
Goran Pavlovic	2	1	-	27	17.6.62
Adam Poric	-	1	-	16	22.4.73
Manny Spanoudakis	10	3	-	22	12.6.67
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		COACH			
Frank Arok	26			58	20.1.32

Attack Prong ... newly signed striker Randell Easthorpe.

Matthew Bingley... a Young Socceroo in the close season.

Craig Moffitt... one of the cornerstones of St George.

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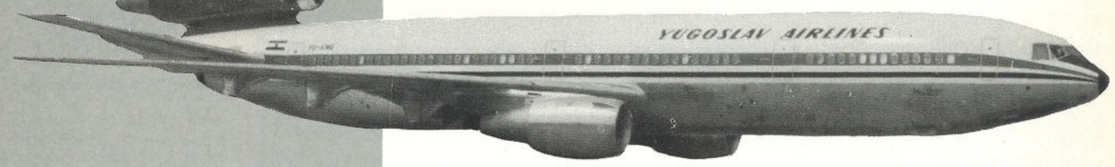

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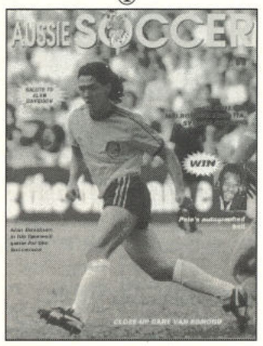

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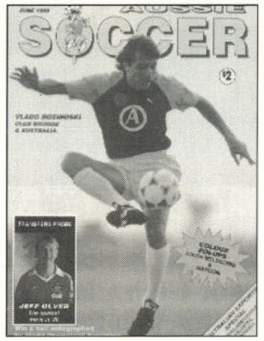

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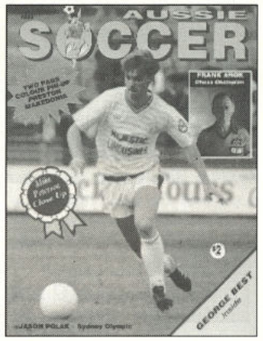

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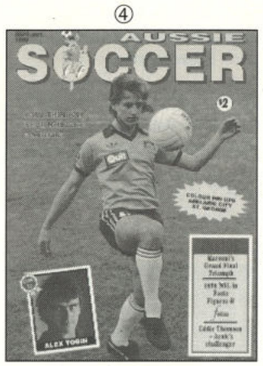

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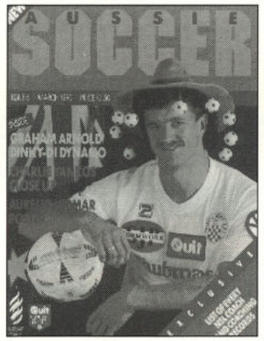

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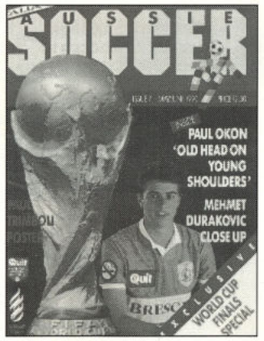

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Stuart Cannell (front) & Garry McDowall challenge for a header in the promotion play-offs. (Picture Joe Montemurro).

Heidelberg is back for a third try at the National Soccer League - and this time it intends to stay.

The club was a founder member of the League and was considered a power in the competition for the first 10 years.

But it fell on hard times midway through the 80s and was relegated in 1987.

It returned in 1989 but finished last in its first season and was relegated a second time.

It returns for the 90-91 after completing the most gruelling of seasons in the Victorian Soccer Federation State League.

The 18 team competition forced Heidelberg to play 34 league matches, several of them on successive days (Saturdays and Sundays).

It won the title at the last gasp from Croydon - and then was thrown straight into the promotion play-offs against the champions of South Australia (West Adelaide) and Queensland (Brisbane Lions).

The full results of the promotion play-offs were:

West Adelaide 2 Brisbane Lions 1. Brisbane Lions 1 West Adelaide 1. Heidelberg 4 West Adelaide 1. West Adelaide 1 Heidelberg 0. Brisbane Lions 2 Heidelberg 2. Heidelberg 4 Brisbane Lions 1.

The club had only a two week respite before it was called back to action for the NSL campaign.

■ Coming into the NSL under such circumstances make it an automatic candidate for yet another drop.

But midfielder Phil Stubbins is convinced the players will cope with the strain and that Heidelberg will hold its own.

"At least we will be playing one game a week and we will be able to train and prepare properly for the matches," he said.

Stubbins says the long gruelling season had side benefits - it brought the team closer together and everyone is playing for one another as well as for the club.

■ The club is coached by Len McKendry, a familiar name in the NSL.

He coached South Melbourne to the NSL title in 1984 and was in charge of Heidelberg when the club won the Top Four series in 1980.

He also had a spell in charge of Brunswick Juventus.

McKendry described Heidelberg's promotion as the biggest achievement of his coaching career.

"Winning the NSL championship with South Melbourne was easier because then we could plan from week to week. You can do no such thing when you are playing a vital league game on a Saturday and not know how many players will come through to front up for another important game 24 hours later," he said.

■ McKendry is convinced that he has assembled a squad good enough to hold its own in the NSL.

"I only accepted the job when the club agreed to plan it that way," he said.

■ A large chunk of the first team squad already has lengthy NSL experience.

Goalkeeper Jeff Olver played 53 Socceroo matches between 1984 and 89 and has 240 NSL appearances behind him.

Stuart Stevenson

Olympic Socceroo George Slifkas (in black shorts) ... signed from Preston. (Pic Joe Montemurro).

Central defender Garry McDowall is another former Socceroo. He has seen service at NSL level with Melbourne JUST, South Melbourne, and Brunswick Juventus.

Willie Herd played in the Scottish League before coming to Australia two years ago.

John Kanesoulis was in the South Melbourne side which won the 1984 NSL.

Paul Lewis has a unique record finishing up the club's top scorer in three successive seasons with Melbourne Croatia. He was also the club's top scorer with Green Gully in the NSL.

Others who have played in the NSL include Stuart Cannell (at Green Gully and Melbourne Croatia), Stuart Stevenson (South Melbourne, Sydney Olympic and Heidelberg), and Alan Scott (West Adelaide, Melbourne Croatia and Heidelberg).

■ The big find of Heidelberg's tough State League season was Angie Goutzioulis.

The youngster was thrown in at the deep end in Heidelberg's struggling 89 season in the top competition but used the experience and really found his feet under McKendry's coaching in the past year.

He has thrived in playing a wide attacking midfield position, scored 10 goals - and ran away with Heidelberg's Player-of-the-year award.

Heidelberg Players NSL Record

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
Peter Bordignon	8	1	0	21	30.10.68
Stuart Cannell	80	7	2	31	3.12.58
Les Carter	119	9	18	29	24.10.60
Angie Goutzioulis	14	5	1	20	15.4.70
Willie Herd	8	5	0	30	2.10.59
Chris Iliopoulos	1	0	0	21	27.12.68
John Kanesoulis	77	13	2	24	4.1.66
Paul Lewis	137	6	66	29	28.4.61
Garry McDowall	137	0	9	31	6.3.59
Jeff Olver	240	0	0	29	25.12.60
Alan Scott	94	7	7	27	20.9.63
George Slifkas	25	31	1	20	18.10.69
Stuart Stevenson	101	7	34	28	6.3.62
Phil Stubbins	24	0	6	26	18.10.63
Jim Tsakiris	0	0	0		
		COACH			
Len McKendry	186				

Angie Goutzioulis.

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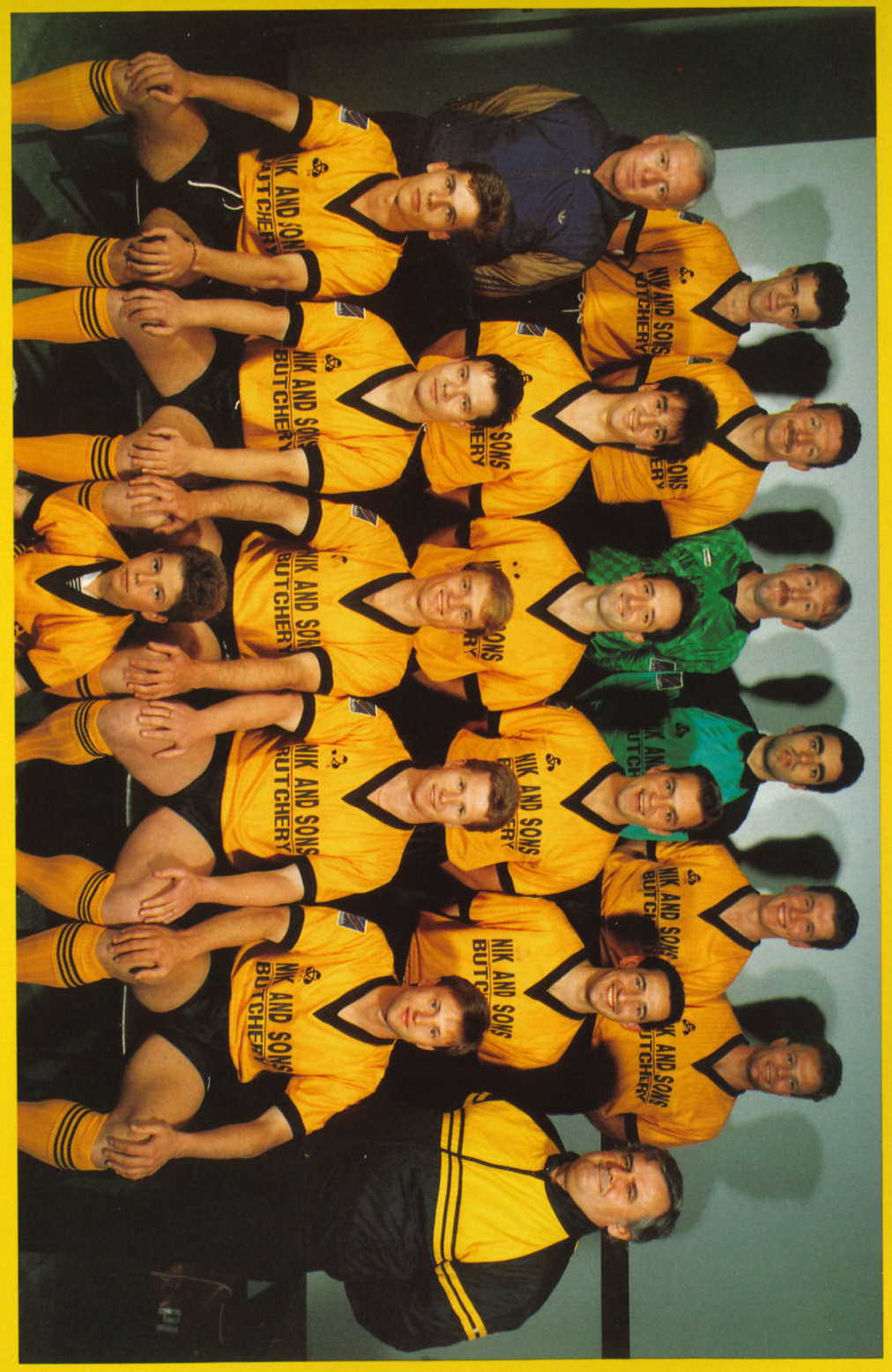

BACK ROW: (Left to Right) Angie Goutzioulis, Stuart Cannell, Jeff Olver, Mike Chatzitrifonos, Phil Stubbins, Stuart Stevenson.
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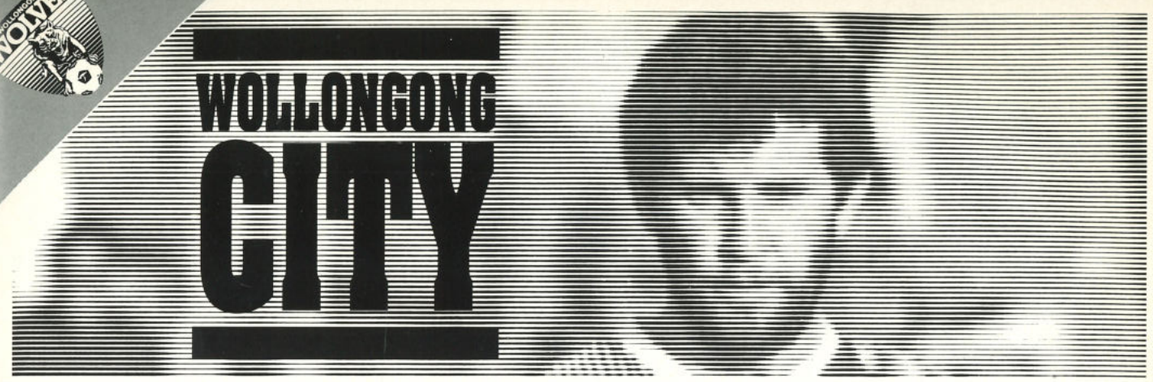

Peace Deal ... David Skeen is staying with Wollongong after resolving a close season dispute.

Danny Crainie has provided Wollongong with a virtual windfall by transferring to Scottish first division side Airdrie for $15,000.

Other departures who have brought the club money are goalkeeper Dragan Pupovac, who joined NSW State League club Canterbury Marrickville for $4000 and striker Tony Versi, who moved to Warringah for $3000.

■ The availability of some money hasn't gone to the head of David Ratcliffe however and the coach has continued to deal in the bargain basement in the close season.

He exchanged young striker Michael Lardis, who failed to settle at Wollongong, getting another talented 20 year old Jason Oldridge from Sydney Olympic.

Another swap deal was releasing striker Randell Easthorpe to gain David Green from St George to give himself a good defensive line-up which will provide a strong basis to the side.

■ Mike Hollifield, who was with the club two seasons ago, is returning from England to take over the leftback spot.

In the centre of the defence, Ratcliffe has to go back on his promise to retire and fill in until Ray Vlietstra recovers completely from his broken foot. That could happen in the second month of the league competition.

The partner for Ratcliffe or Vlietstra will be the reliable Jock Morlando.

■ In goals, Wollongong is well served with former Young Socceroo keeper George Bouhoutsos, who joined the club last season after spending six months with Panathinaikos in Greece.

Ratcliffe expects him to continue improving and to challenge for a spot in the senior Socceroo squad.

In midfield, David Skeen has resolved his problems with the club and will continue playing alongside the likes of Zivko Hristovski, Pat Brodnik and a new signing from Sydney.

■ Competing for forward positions will be new signing Oldridge and young Wollongong product John Danzo, who cut a good impression in the club's State League side.

Danzo made his NSL debut two seasons ago but was restricted in the last campaign by injuries and did not recover fully from ankle problems until the tail end of last season.

"He is not the most technical of players but he has got the instinct to get on the end of things inside the box. He has got pace which makes him exceptionally quick and he is brave to top it off," Ratcliffe said about Danzo.

■ Despite the club's limitations with money, Ratcliffe remains confident that Wollongong will be very competitive in the NSL.

"Contrary to popular belief, the club is very stable because it has no debts. It basically doesn't spend money it doesn't have," he said.

"Another popular myth we intend to kill is that we will again struggle to avoid relegation.

"We are aiming for something a bit better than survival.

"We played some reasonable soccer last season but kept failing in front of goal.

"As long as we start converting chances we create, we will more than hold our own."

Wollongong 90-91

Retained

Jeff Allport	Paul McFadden
Mick Atsas	Declan McEvoy
D. Bouhoutsos	Jock Morlando
Pat Brodnik	Danny Petkovic
John Danzo	David Ratcliffe
Declan McEvoy	David Skeen
Zivko Hristovski	Ray Vlietstra
Richard Lloyd	

Additions

	Signed from
David Green	St George
Mike Hollifield	returning from UK
Jason Oldridge	Sydney Olympic

Recruiting targets

	from
Perth striker	
Sydney midfielder	

Departures

	to
Danny Crainie	Airdrie
Randell Easthorpe	St George
David Roberts	Wollongong local lge
Derek O'Neill	returned to Ireland
Dragan Pupovac	Canterbury
Tony Versi	Warringah
Peter Kotamanidis	Wollongong lge
Michael Lardis	Sydney Olympic
Jerry Murphy	returned to England

Wollongong's 89-90 Record

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
Jeff Allport	5	4	-	20	7.4.70
Steve Baggott	1	-	-	18	30.11.71
David Batten	3	2	3	25	23.6.64
George Bouhoutsos	12		-	21	3.4.69
Pat Brodnik	14	1	9	23	20.10.66
Danny Crainie	25	-	1	28	24.5.62
John Danzo	1	1	-	19	10.8.70
Randell Easthorpe	20	3	4	23	9.8.66
Zivko Hristovski	20	2	4	25	31.1.65
Peter Kotamanidis	3	3	-	25	18.11.64
Steve Krishna	-	1	-	18	19.3.72
Michael Lardis	4	-	-	20	9.7.69
Richard Lloyd	16	3	-	20	15.7.69
Paul McFadden	23	-	3	24	14.9.65
Declan McEvoy	9	1	-	20	11.10.69
Jock Morlando	19	1	1	28	5.8.61
Jerry Murphy	14	2	-	30	23.9.59
Derek O'Neill	7	4	1	26	19.7.63
Danny Petkovic	3	3	1	18	27.10.71
Dragan Pupovac	14	-	-	22	22.9.67
David Ratcliffe	24	-	-	33	9.3.57
David Roberts	2	4	-	19	2.5.71
David Skeen	23	-	2	28	13.1.62
Tony Versi	3	5	-	21	14.5.69
Ray Vlietstra	21	-	-	26	11.2.64
own goals			1		
		Coach			
David Ratcliffe	26	-	-	33	9.3.57

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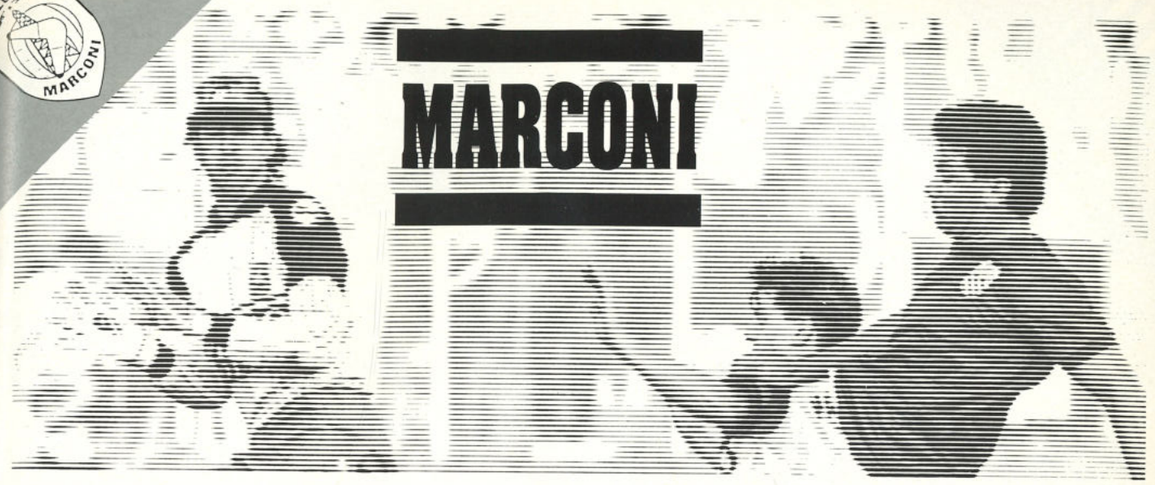


By Marconi's standards, the team has had a major overhaul in the close season.

The club, the National League's pacesetter in recent years, has averaged only one major signing in the past three seasons.

This time it was different. Fred De Jong and Gary Van Egmond successfully negotiated contracts with Dutch first division clubs, while striker Senad Glavovic returned to his Yugoslav first division club Velez Mostar.

■ De Jong's transfer to Fortuna Sittard and Van Egmond's move to Roda JC were complicated deals which included extra payments for Marconi once they make a certain numbers of first team appearances but the value of each move was probably around the $80,000 mark.

Vince Colagiuri went to Europe for trials while veteran Matteo Collucci called it a day in Australia and returned to Italy.

■ In terms of replacements, Marconi set its sights high and made three major grabs.

NSL top scorer David Seal and highly rated utility Mark Jones asked for moves from Sydney Croatia and the duo was obtained in a package deal worth $55,000 after initial haggling. Seal was valued at $30,000 in the deal.

■ Marconi also made a lightning signing in John Markovski after the player had virtually agreed on terms to sign with Preston Makedonia.

Marconi had no problems gaining Markovski's release as the player had a $12,500 maximum stipulated in his contract with Melbourne Croatia.

Coach Berti Mariani has the option of using him as a central striker but he is more likely to settle for a front running partnership of Seal and David Lowe and opt for a wide role for Markovski.

Jones' arrival opens a number of options as he can play in the backline or in midfield.

Mariani will probably not want to unsettle the central defensive partnership of Steve Calderan and Robbie Wheatley and Jones is more likely to settle in midfield. The vacancy in that department has arisen with the transfer of Gerry Gomez to Apia.

■ There are several options for Van Egmond's fullback spot.

Ian Gray, Paul Okon or highly rated youngster Jeff Suzor, newly promoted to the senior squad, are among the candidates.

Whatever the final line-up, there is no doubting that Marconi will again be among the front runners for the championship this season.

Marconi 90-91

Retained

Steve Calderan	David Lowe
Bob Catliin	Tom McCulloch
Andrew Charleswood	Zlatko Nastevski
Jean Paul De Marigny	Paul Okon
Ian Gray	Mark Schwarzer
Peter Katholos	Anthony Surjan
	Robert Wheatley

Additions

	Signed from
John Markovski	Melb Croatia
Mark Jones	Sydney Croatia
David Seal	Sydney Croatia
Jeff Suzor	Marconi youth

Departures

	to
Vince Colagiuri	trialling in Europe
Matteo Colucci	returned to Italy
Fred DeJong	Fortuna Sittard
Senad Glavovic	Velez Mostar
Gary Van Egmond	Roda (Holland)
Gerry Gomez	Apia

Recruiting Targets

	from
Steve Georgakis	Sydney Olympic

(Above) Interstate Stretch ... Marconi's new signing John Markovski (dark shirt) in action for Melbourne Crotia last season against Preston Makedonia keeper Phil Traianedes.

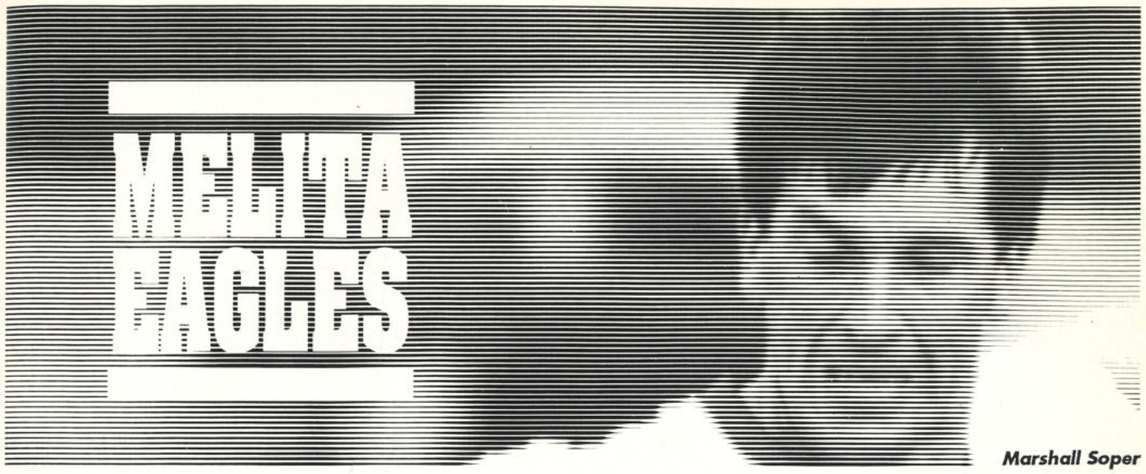
Making his Mark at Marconi ... new signing Mark Jones.

Marconi's 89-90 Record

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
Steve Calderan	25	-	1	26	24.4.63
Bob Catlin	28	-	-	24	22.6.65
Vince Colagiuri	4	13	1	25	11.9.64
Matteo Colucci	7	6	-	33	14.2.57
Fred De Jong	26	-	8	26	5.4.64
J. P. DeMarigny	24	1	2	26	21.1.64
Senad Glavovic	5	6	4	24	25.11.65
Gerry Gomez	12	9	4	29	18.8.60
Ian Gray	21	2	5	26	22.7.63
Peter Katholos	20	5	2	29	18.3.61
David Lowe	25	2	2	26	30.8.63
Tom McCulloch	28	-	9	26	10.2.64
Zlatko Nastevski	11	-	11	32	4.8.57
Paul Okon	19	3	2	18	5.4.72
Gary Van Egmond	25	-	1	24	29.6.65
Robert Wheatley	28	-	-	28	17.1.62
		COACH			
Bertie Mariani	28			35	19.5.56

Greg Brown.

MELITA EAGLES



Marshall Soper

Melita Eagles was bottom of the NSL five weeks into its first season back in top company.

It picked up just three points from its first seven matches.

But no one reached for the panic button and the confidence the administration expressed in coach Raul Blanco and his lads paid off when Melita became the most improved team of the second half of the season.

In the last 11 rounds, Melita picked up six wins and two draws to finish in a comfortable mid-table position and earn the admiration of a number of the top clubs.

Going on the form of the second round, Melita has done the only thing a sensible club does - and that is to leave the team alone.

■ Most of the club's effort in the close season has centred around retaining the squad which finished off the season.

Star striker Greg Brown had renewed contracts with Melita well before other clubs looked towards him to strengthen their forward line.

Brown, an Englishman who has played internationally for NZ, scored 14 goals in his first NSL season and won the Yardley award as soccer's top player of the season.

Melita Eagles 90-91

Retained

Alfredo Barrios	Craig Mason
Greg Brown	Alex McPherson
Andrew Callanan	Scott O'Donell
Greg Dickinson	Tony Parison
Gus Cerro	Marshall Soper
Aytek Genc	Len Vial
Hugo Gimenez	Craig Williams
Washington Gonzalez	

Departures

	to
Sergio Falce	returned to Argentina
Ray Farrugia	Malta
Jim Meerbani	listed at $10,000
Tony Cabassi	Wollongong Macdnia
George Cerro	Wollongong Mcdnia
Joe Rizzotto	back to Marconi

Towards the end of the season he established a good understanding with Marshall Soper, a striker discarded by Sydney Olympic despite having one of the best scoring records in the NSL.

That pair rounds off a well balanced side which has clicked after the initial adjustment to the higher league.

■ The defence boasts Washington Gonzalez, whose 44 internationals for Uruguay makes him one of the best credentialled players in the NSL.

Others at the club include Greg Dickinson, who returned from the Institute of Sport midway through the season. His form in nine NSL matches earned him a spot in the Young Socceroo side and he looks set for a big campaign in his first full season in top company.

■ The midfield now boasts a senior Socceroo in Andrew Callanan, who played in three of Australia's four matches in the Independence Cup in Indonesia.

Melita's only losses have been the return to Malta by Ray Farrugia, one of the long serving veterans of the club, and the release back to Argentina of striker Sergio Falce, who failed to settle in Australia.

■ The club has refused to get involved in high priced bargaining for the few players who have come onto the Sydney transfer market.

But president Sam Vella and his committee remain confident they will add one or two quality signings at a reasonable price once the league season gets underway.

■ Melita's main aim off the field is to get a full liquor licence and finish off the social clubrooms underneath its new grandstand.

Once that is obtained, the club will become more financially secure and be able to cater better for the increasing support which is bound to happen if the team continues its 1989-90 form.

Melita Eagles's 89-90 Record

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
Alfredo Barrios	21	-	-	30	15.9.59
Greg Brown	24	-	14	27	29.7.62
Tony Cabassi	-	1	-	21	18.11.68
Andrew Callanan	25	-	-	23	30.8.66
Greg Dickinson	9	2	-	19	20.5.71
George Cerro	-	1	-	23	2.3.67
Gus Cerro	10	3	-	20	17.7.69
Sergio Falce	4	8	-	27	30.5.63
Ray Farrugia	1	9	1	34	1.10.55
Aytek Genc	24	-	4	24	3.2.66
Hugo Gimenez	18	-	2	25	24.2.65
Washington Gonzalez	25	-	2	33	6.12.56
Craig Mason	19	4	-	33	23.8.56
Alex McPherson	26	-	-	32	11.3.58
Jim Meerbani	5	-	-	28	23.3.62
Scott O'Donell	16	3	-	22	16.6.67
Tony Parison	5	6	-	22	18.3.68
Joe Rizzotto	-	1	-	26.	11.4.64
Marshall Soper	24	-	7	30	12.5.60
Len Vial	18	2	1	24	5.6.65
Craig Williams	12	6	-	23	6.6.66
		COACH			
Raul Blanco	26			48	4.12.41

ZABICA

Robert Zabica, Adelaide City and Australia

■ **Personal details:** Born 9th April 1964 in Perth. Parents Andy and Frances are from Yugoslavia, have been in Australia 27 years. They and sister Deanna are still living in Perth.

■ **Status:** Engaged to Senga Jackson. The wedding date has been set - August 3rd next year.

■ **Occupation:** Senior serviceman with Ensign Services, a company which hires garments, overalls and linen to a lot of companies. Adelaide City teammate Paul Shillabeer gave me the job when I first moved to Adelaide. Steve Maxwell and Bugsy Nyskohus also are workmates. The general manager is Sam Savage, a self confessed soccer fanatic, so the company has been very understanding - possibly even proud - of my Socceroo involvement.

■ **Car:** I would like to say BMW but the car that I do have is a beat up Centura which has been getting me around for a couple of years.

■ **Playing career:** I played junior soccer with Spearwood Dalmatinac but cricket was my first love. I represented WA in the Under 19s for two seasons and was in the WA senior squad as an 18 year old. I played for Fremantle in A grade district for four seasons and spent six months in England playing for Durham County. I had to give the game away because of a bad injury and that was when I returned to soccer. I played for second division club Cockburn for three years then had one season with Stirling Macedonia before transferring to Adelaide City in 1988 for the princely sum of $500. In soccer I've always been a goalkeeper. I've been told I picked it because it was the easiest job.

■ **Biggest influence on career:** Definitely my dad. When my cricket career was all over, he was the one who coaxed me back to the game. I thought a soccer career was past me but he encouraged me to get involved.

■ **Worst ever injury:** Strangely enough the back problem has not been a worry in soccer. I couldn't bowl in cricket because of some slipped disc in my back but the back problem doesn't occur in soccer and the only injuries have been a couple of dislocated fingers and a few stitches.

■ **What don't you like about soccer?:** It's a great game and there is very little wrong with it. Perhaps we can organize it a bit better at administration level and the media could get behind it more.

■ **Favorite players:** Mervyn Day, the former West Ham keeper, was my favorite keeper in my younger days. Nowadays I admire Walter Zenga of Italy.

■ **Favorite teams:** I enjoy watching Italian soccer. Juventus, Sampdoria and Napoli are among the good sides in a top league. In Australia, I enjoy watching Marconi and South Melbourne.

■ **Favorite away ground:** Marconi's is an excellent ground with a good soccer atmosphere. The best ground I have played in was Sydney's Football Park - it's a great stadium with everything including a top surface.

■ **Your best ever save:** One that sticks out was a match against Sydney Olympic. One of their players hit a shot which took a huge deflection. I was already committed one way but tried to change direction and stuck out a hand to put the ball over the bar. I couldn't believe I actually got to it.

■ **The best save you have seen:** The Gordon Banks save for England from Pele's header in the 1970 World Cup.

■ **An opponent who always gives you problems:** Zlatko Nastevski seems to have the knack of putting goals past me. He seems to be at the right place to stick them away all the time - he's some awkward customer.

■ **Most memorable match:** The second leg of the 1989 Cup final against Sydney Olympic in Adelaide. I was kept busy that day but we came away with a 2-0 win to collect the cup. It's the first major honor I have won and I won't forget it very easily.

■ **Own magic moment in soccer:** I may have anticipated Rene Higuita by a season. In the 1988 NSL season, we beat Marconi away 4-1 and during the second half I left the box and went on my own little run almost to the halfway line before passing the ball.

■ **Biggest disappointment:** It took me a while to settle in Adelaide and would have returned to Perth at the end of the first season until I found I had unwittingly signed a three year contract with Adelaide City instead of for one season. At the time it was a big disappointment. Losing the NSL semi against Olympic in the championship play-offs last season also was a blow. And so were our performances against South Korea in September. We went there with high hopes but they ran all over us - I'm sure we'll get better though.

■ **Favorite other sports:** I love golf and play virtually every Sunday with Paul Shillabeer. I've dropped cricket except for the odd indoor game nowadays.

■ **Most embarrassing moment:** It goes back to my reserve days at Dalmatinac. I liked drop kicking the ball out of my area but on this particular occasion I kicked the ball straight into one of our defenders who was running back. The ball hit the back of his head and lobbed back right over me into the back of the goal. The worst thing about it was that the opposition didn't even want to accept it as a goal - it didn't matter much anyway... they were winning 6-0.

■ **Superstitions:** I'm odd to the extent that I'm left footed but right handed. The only superstition I follow is that I always put on my left glove on first. It's the same with socks.

■ **Pre-match meal:** I'm a big eater and I eat anything. I'm not fussy.

■ **TV tastes:** I like watching Night Court, as well as Love & Marriage. I hate soapies, especially Neighbours.

■ **Favorite reading:** The only reading I do is newspapers. I have a look at both the Advertiser and The News in Adelaide.

■ **Favorite music:** I enjoy a wide variety. Style Council is my favorite group.

■ **Ambitions:** To retain my spot in the Socceroo team and keep on playing at the highest level for a number of seasons.

■ **Player to watch out for this season:** I'm very, very impressed with what I've seen of Paul Okon. He has the skill and temperament to become a top player. Our own Tony Vidmar is another huge prospect; I can't get over how far he has come in such a short time.

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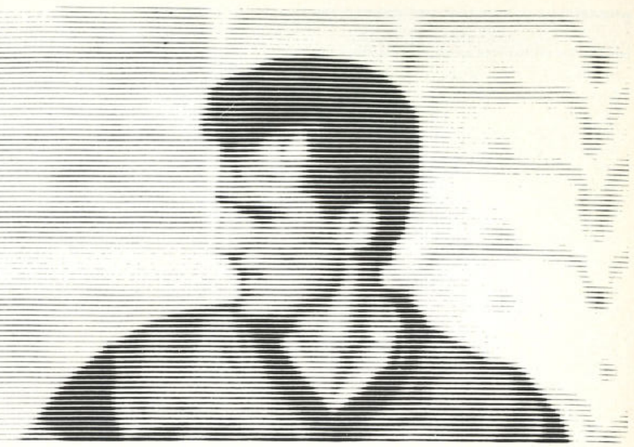


First Target... Robert Runje, Sydney Croatia's first signing of the close season.

Sydney Croatia has undergone the biggest overhaul of all the 14 NSL clubs in the close season.

The departure of Graham Arnold to Dutch first division club Roda JC for $105,000 was only the beginning of a sizeable exodus from the established first team squad.

NSL top scorer David Seal and highly rated utility Mark Jones asked for transfers and were given permission to talk to Marconi before the haggling started for their transfers.

Each was listed at extravagant figures but manager-coach Tony Vrzina decided against dragging the matter through the tribunal and settled for a $55,000 package for the pair early in September.

Former Socceroo centreback Alan Hunter similarly asked for a move and was listed at $30,000.

Longserving Wally Savor, the Socceroo fullback, called it a day after lengthy battles with injury, while veteran Ante Rumora also was made available for transfer.

Goalkeeper Anthony Franken was involved lengthy negotiations before finally agreeing to a new contract shortly before the season's kick-off.

■ Vrzina started the recruiting campaign by signing utility Robert Runje from Preston Makedonia.

Runje's contract stipulated a $16,000 maximum but the player was under contract until December and Sydney Croatia had to pay an additional $1000 in compensation to secure his release.

Ned Zelic, the newly appointed captain and revelation of the Olympic Socceroos, was recalled by Sydney Croatia after being on loan to Canberra Croatia for the past season

The club appears to have a readymade replacement for Savor in youngster Tony Popovic who made his NSL debut last season and has matured to gain a regular spot with the Young Socceroos..

■ Vrzina made a lightning dash to Queensland to beat Sunshine George Cross in the bidding for exciting new talent Clayton Koch. The striker scored a hattrick on the day Vrzina scouted on him and the coach wasted no time snapping him up from Pine Rivers for $7000.

■ The manager added two more promising youngsters in former Institute of Sport members Robert Stanton and Craig Jones.

Stanton was at Sydney Croatia before his spell at the institute and was still registered with the NSL club.

Jones is a product of Newcastle and was highly recommended to the club by AIS coach Ron Smith.

The search for a goalkeeper while Franken was in dispute led Vrzina to negotiate with veteran NZ international Don Findlayson, but the manager dropped the interest when Franken signed.

■ Vrzina dipped overseas signing a striker, Hector Perez, from Chilean second division club Magallanes.

Mario Novakovic, a defensive midfielder who toured Australia with Hajduk Split in June, took a liking to the country and applied to become a university student to further his language studies here.

Vrzina was quick to snap him up as a player for the club.

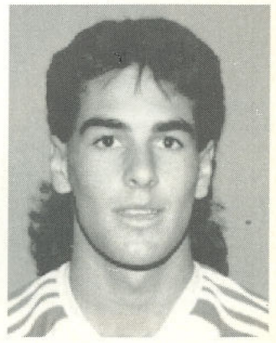
■ In the search to replace Arnold and Seal, Vrzina targeted Morwell Falcons striker Gordon Scott.

Scott played in the Scottish Premier League with St Johnstone (two years) and Hamilton (two years) and had stints with first division clubs East Fife (four years), Forfar (two), and Meadowbank (18 months) before accepting an offer to join Morwell in Australia earlier this year.

Other clubs to show interest in him were Melbourne Croatia and West Adelaide.

Because he is an import, Morwell could only ask expenses but Sydney Croatia probably had to compensate Scott as he forked out $12,000 of his own money to secure his contract from Meadowbank.

Vrzina is aiming to sign Drazen Slavina from Croatian second division club BSK.



Robert Stanton.

Sydney Croatia 90-91

Retained	
Mark Babic	Manis Lamond
Andrew French	Ivan Petkovic
Mike Grbevski	Tony Popovic
Zeljko Kalac	Pedro Ricoy
Velimir Kupresak	Anthony Franken

Additions	Signed from
Robert Runje	Preston Makdnia
Ned Zelic	Canberra (recalled)
Hector Perez	Magallanes (Chile)
Mario Novakovic	Hajduk Split
Clayton Koch	Pine Rivers (Qld)
Robert Stanton	AIS (ex Syd Cro)
Craig Jones	AIS (ex-Newcastle)
Don Findlayson	NZ

Recruiting targets	from
Gordon Scott	Morwell Falcons
Drazen Slavina	BSK (Croatia)

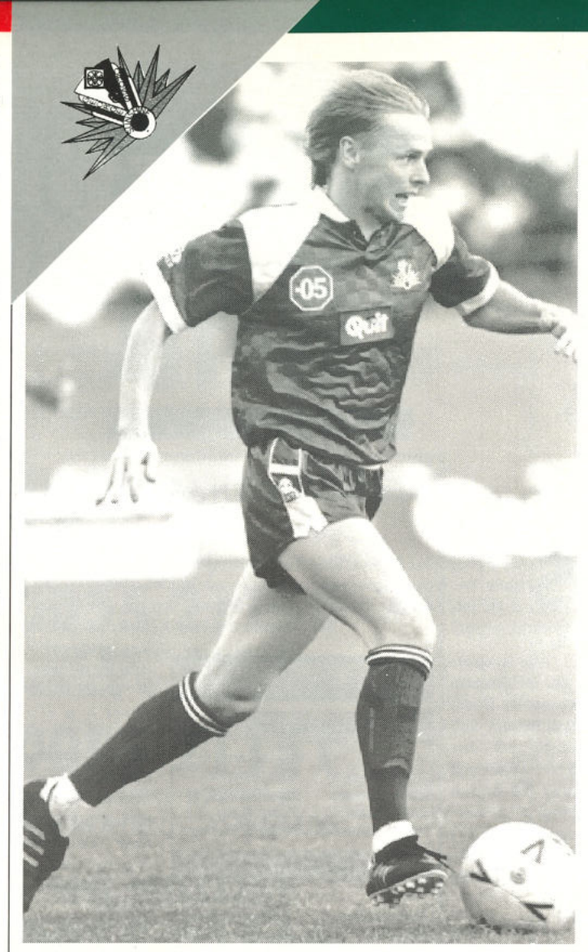
Departures	to
Graham Arnold	Roda JC (Holland)
David Batten	Apia Leichhardt
David Seal	Marconi
Mark Jones	listed

Uncertain	
Steve Gojevic	returning to Melb
Alan Hunter	listed
Ante Rumora	listed
Wally Savor	retired

Sydney Croatia's 89-90 Record

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
Graham Arnold	25	-	5	26	3.8.63
Mark Babic	15	-	-	17	24.4.73
David Batten	-	3	-	25	23.6.64
Anthony Franken	14	-	-	25	11.1.65
Andrew French	2	3	-	17	14.10.72
Steve Gojevic	9	9	-	24	27.7.65
Mike Grbevski	24	1	2	23	6.4.67
Alan Hunter	21	1	6	25	30.7.64
Mark Jones	26	-	4	23	5.6.66
Zeljko Jurin	5	3	1	29	13.7.60
Zeljko Kalac	11	-	-	17	16.12.72
John Krajnovic	1	-	-	24	16.8.65
Velimir Kupresak	17	1	-	26	1.9.63
Manis Lamond	19	4	3	23	14.9.66
Eddie Pervan	-	1	-	18	9.5.72
Ivan Petkovic	10	2	1	30	6.1.60
Tony Popovic	6	7	-	16	4.7.73
Pedro Ricoy	21	1	3	23	27.11.66
Ante Rumora	16	2	-	29	4.7.60
Wally Savor	17	-	-	30	21.6.59
David Seal	26	-	15	18	26.1.72
Ned Zelic	1	1	-	18	4.7.71
Ante Zizic	-	1	-	17	11.2.73
		COACHES			
Ron Corry	9	-	-	39	21.4.41
Graham Arnold	2	-	-	26	3.8.63
Tony Vrzina	15	-	-	53	12.9.36

Popping into the gap ... Tony Popovic may take over Wally Savor's fullback spot.



David Clarkson ... back in top form after a close season operation.

Sunshine's 89-90 Record

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
George Alevizos	10	2	-	18	1.10.70
Wayne Attard	2	5	-	18	28.1.72
John Campelj	17	-	3	24	28.1.65
Les Carter	8	4	-	29	24.10.60
Mitchell Cattermole	1	1	-	17	21.2.73
David Clarkson	15	3	5	21	1.2.68
Luciano Fabrizio	10	-	1	26	11.1.64
Jeff Faulkner	11	-	3	33	12.1.56
Craig Foster	12	-	-	21	15.4.69
Paul Foster	19	2	2	22	28.12.67
Gary Hasler	22	2	1	19	5.7.70
Sean Keogh	26	-	-	27	20.6.61
Chris Ketsakidis	20	2	1	23	23.3.67
Lorenz Kindtner	15	-	-	18	13.10.71
Ossie Latif	6	-	5	26	8.2.64
Paul Lewis	5	-	1	29	28.4.61
Kevin Muscat	7	2	-	16	7.8.73
Shaun Parton	23	1	1	28	7.9.61
Alan Roodhouse	22	-	-	24	8.3.66
Ernie Tapai	15	-	-	22	14.2.67
John Waddell	19	1	1	23	23.6.66
Athan Zacharias	1	7	-	19	24.3.71
		Coaches			
Ernie Merrick	22			37	15.1.53
Ian Greener	4				

Craig Foster... the midfielder was cleared to West Germany Club Hessen Kessel for $15,000 in July but returned to Australia in September after running into clearance problems with the local league. Sunshine returned the cheque and welcomed him back with open arms.

Sunshine George Cross will really get offended this season if anyone writes the club off as an automatic relegation candidate.

More to the point, anyone who does predict doom for the club is making one big mistake.

The squad Ernie Merrick has got together may not quite be championship material yet - but it sure looks like it can handle the competition and give some of the big boys a shake.

It may surprise the pundits, but the side could go close to getting a spot in the final five.

Merrick has been given the job as coach for a second season after building a squad which faltered in the second half of the last campaign mainly because of the high injury list.

The injured players like David Clarkson and Ossie Latif are back - and just as significantly Sunshine has further strengthened the squad.

■ The star new arrival is central defender David McFarlane, a product of Glasgow Rangers who played over 80 games in the Scottish Premier League.

McFarlane was a $240,000 signing by Kilmarnock and spent last season with Partick Thistle in the Scottish first division.

Despite his experience he is still only 23, and Sunshine is justifiably proud of its scout in Scotland who was able to secure the defender's services.

The same scout, Graham Peterkin, also recommended the club's other import - striker Derek Hunter.

Hunter, 24, was the leading scorer at Annbank in Scottish non league soccer last season. He probably would have been playing Scottish league soccer except for his four year stint in the army.

The imports will provide the experience to round off a squad made up largely of local talent - the club has simply become a haven for former members of the Institute of Sport.

■ Merrick and Sunshine team manager Garey Hasler have secured the services of outgoing institute players Troy Cranney, who was originally with Queensland club Coalstars, and Young Socceroo defender Jason Koliba.

They come in addition to Sunshine's own junior products Lorenz Kindtner and Frank Talia, who return as senior squad members after two seasons at the institute in Canberra.

The fifth ex-institute player is David Clarkson, who starts his second season at Sunshine hoping to build on the reputation he estabished in the 1989-90 campaign as one of the new bright young stars in the game.

■ Gary Hasler was a last minute addition in the Olympic Socceroo squad which toured Europe but grabbed his chance to score in his first outing (against the League of Ireland which finished in a 2-2 draw) and convinced coach Eddie Thomson to retain him in the side for the following match against Czechoslovakia's Olympic side.

Hasler did not just catch the eye of Thomson. A week after his arrival back in Australia, he and sweeper Ned Zelic were invited for a two week all-expenses paid trial by Leeds United, whose assistant manager Ian McFarlane had watched two of the Olympic Socceroos' games.

The pair played in reserves matches against Manchester United and Wolves as part of the trial before returning to Australia in time for the NSL campaign.

Sunshine 90-91

Retained

George Alevizos	Chris Ketsakidis
Wayne Attard	Lorenz Kindtner
David Clarkson	Ossie Latif
Luciano Fabrizio	Alan Roodhouse
Paul Foster	Ernie Tapai
Gary Hasler	John Waddell
Sean Keogh	Athan Zacharias

Additions

	Signed from
Derek Hunter	Annbank (Scotland)
Jason Koliba	AIS
Troy Cranney	AIS
Frank Talia	AIS
David McFarlane	Partick Thistle

Recruiting targets

	from
Andy Humble	Croydon

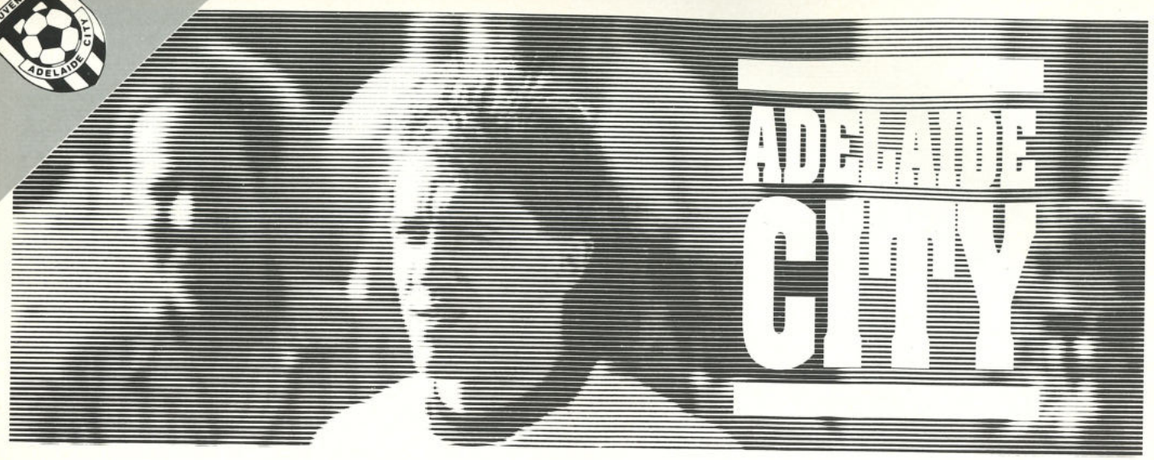
Departures

	to
Craig Foster	West Germany
Shaun Parton	Preston Mak. $5000

Uncertain

John Campelj	listed. at $12,000

Gary Hasler ... impressive tour with the Olympic Socceroos led to a trial with Leeds.



Earnie Tapai.

Adelaide's hot story of the 1990-91 close-season has been Ernie Tapai.

The Socceroo midfielder was the target of three clubs, but ended up taking the initiative himself accepting a job offer in Adelaide despite still being under contract at Sunshine.

Adelaide City made a token $15,000 initial offer and then increased it to $20,000 before intervention by the club's patron Gordon Pickard of Fairmont Homes (Adelaide City's major sponsor) helped raised the bid to a more acceptable $30,000 on the eve of the season's kick-off.

The willingness by an established Socceroo like Tapai to move to Adelaide reverses the trend of South Australian having to move interstate to gain representative honors.

■ Adelaide City's other close season recruit was Robert Csoboth a fullback from Hungarian club Pecsi who ted up at the club and was impressive in the trial he was granted.

■ The other major talking point of the close season was Aurelio Vidmar's quest to find a European club and his eventual return to Adelaide City.

Vidmar trialled with Italian first division club Fiorentina after completing a trial with second division side Reggina. He then moved to Switzerland and trialled with first division side Grasshoppers.

He slipped quietly back to join Adelaide City's pre-season training. But Vidmar's quest to find a club in Europe has convinced coach Zoran Matic he will never sign another player who deals through a manager.

Vidmar's manager has always handled his contractual details and Matic is convinced that the 'minder' was been behind Vidmar's pre-season jaunt in Europe.

Matic feels Vidmar wasted his time going to Italy as he hardly stood a chance of getting a contract because the clubs there have got the pick of the world's players.

■ Transfer dealings are part of the unique set-up that exists at Adelaide City under Matic.

The coach does not believe in chasing big name players only interested in the money side.

"The players who come here join because they want to play for Adelaide City.

"We will not recall Declan Edge from NZ. He may be a better player than some we already have but he was not compatible with this club."

■ Away from those two events, coach Matic concentrated largely on retaining last year's squad.

That was a reasonable stance considering City's players have risen in standing with Robert Zabica becoming the first choice Socceroo keeper.

Striker Carl Veart and Tony Vidmar have become integral members of the first ever Australian Olympic squad. Matic is expecting big things from their second full season in the NSL.

Veterans Sergio Melta, the NSL record holder for the most number of games, has saddled up for another NSL campaign as have the two other experienced campaigners Adrian Santrac and Neville Flounders.

■ The additions to the squad may come from triallists from the Victorian clubs.

Adelaide City 90-91

Retained

Joe Barbaro	Paul Shillabeer
Michael Brooks	Carlo Talladira
Neville Flounders	Alex Tobin
Milan Ivanovic	Carl Veart
Dennis Martinello	Aurelio Vidmar
Steve Maxwell	Tony Vidmar
Sergio Melta	Charlie Villani
Joe Mullen	Robert Zabica
Adrian Santrac	

Additions

	Signed from
Ross Aloisi	Adelaide City youth
Robert Csoboth	Pesci (Hungary)
Chris White	Adelaide City youth

Recruiting targets

	from
Ernie Tapai	Sunshine GC
John Christopoulos	Adelaide Polonia
Terry Rizopoulos	Port Melb (Vic)
Milorad Gelic	Westgate (Vic)
David Klepac	Croydon (Vic)

Departures

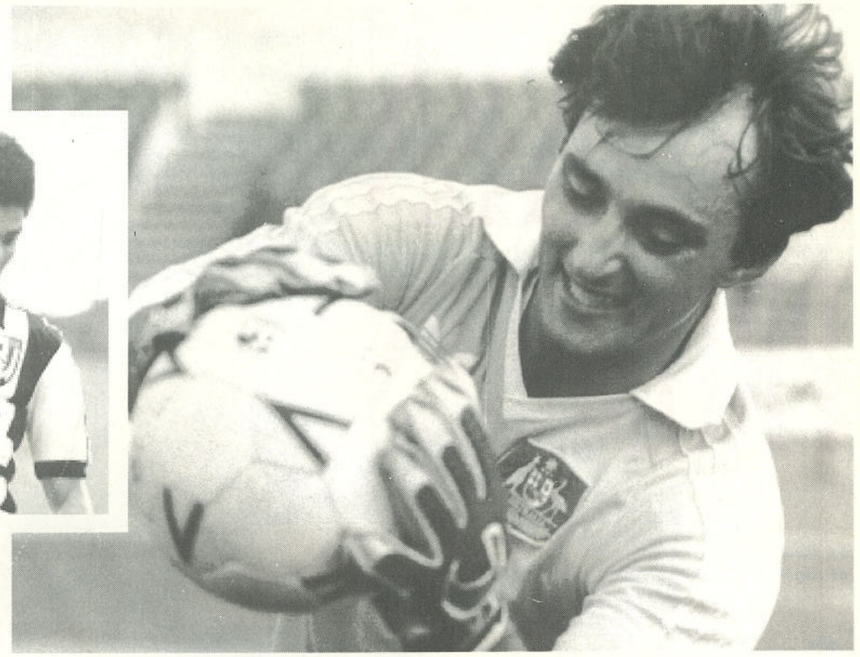
	to
Declan Edge	NZ
Chris Riley	NZ

APOLOGY

The editorial staff sincerely and unequivocally apologizes for any distress caused to Neil McGachey and his family arising from the article titled "Neil the Brave" on page 18 of the March issue of Aussie Soccer.

The article was not intended to be defamatory but only to highlight and praise his courageous efforts during a time of great personal distress. He has the respect and deepest sympathy of all at "Aussie Soccer".

Tony Vidmar integral member of the Olympic Socceroos.



ABOVE. Robert Zabica entrenched as the new Socceroo Keeper.

BELOW. Aurelio Vidmar ... close season trials at Fiorentina, Reggina & Grasshoppers.

Terry Rizopoulos, a striker from Port Melbourne, and Milorad Gelic, a midfielder from Westgate both accepted invitations to go to South Australia to let Adelaide City have a closer look at them.

And Matic has shown interest in striker David Klepac from Victorian State League championship contender Croydon City.

■ Matic said the aim for the season will be to make the NSL top five for the championship playoffs.

Matic explains that away simply by saying, "You either have ambitions to win something or you don't go into a competition in the first place."

Adelaide City's 89-90 Record

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
Joe Barbaro	-	1	-	18	2.1.72
Michael Brooks	1	-	-	19	24.3.71
Declan Edge	1	3	-	24	18.9.65
Neville Flounders	14	4	-	32	2.2.58
Milan Ivanovic	24	-	-	29	21.12.60
Steve Maxwell	25	1	10	25	7.1.65
Sergio Melta	26	-	3	31	19.1.59
Joe Mullen	27		4	26	5.1.64
Chris Riley	-	2	-	25	19.8.64
Adrian Santrac	26	-	-	31	29.6.58
Paul Shillabeer	21	2	1	26	29.9.63
Carlo Talladira	1	2	-	18	23.6.71
Alex Tobin	26	-	-	24	5.4.66
Carl Veart	26	-	7	20	21.5.70
Aurelio Vidmar	23	-	9	23	3.2.67
Tony Vidmar	24	3	4	19	4.7.70
Charlie Villani	5	9	2	28	2.3.62
Robert Zabica	27	-	-	26	9.4.64
		COACH			
Zoran Matic	27			45	25.12.44

BROKEN PROMISES

By Allan Crisp
of the Adelaide Advertiser

South Australia's hopes of hosting a group during the 1993 World Youth Championship finals are in jeopardy in the wake of a SA State Government decision to defer a major part of the planned $4 million revamp of Hindmarsh Stadium.

The Australian Soccer Federation made it abundantly clear that Adelaide's involvement in the prestigious event would be subject to its stadium being brought up to international standard.

Hindmarsh failed the acid test when it was inspected by ASF general secretary Alan Vessey and FIFA vice-chairman Harry Cavan last year.

Vessey promised a further inspection in mid 1991 when the proposed upgrading was to be in the concluding stages.

Panic buttons were pressed in the South Australian Soccer Federation boardroom when the State Government released its budget, which contained extensive cutbacks.

■ Under original planning, the redevelopment was to take 12 months from start to finish.

Now SASF officials must rely on the economic position improving by next year if to fulfill the dream of again hosting matches in the World Youth Cup series.

Certainly, SASF general manager Mike Wells is hoping that predictions of broken political promises do not assume an air of reality.

Local television stations highlighted the problem by screening file tape depicting the Minister making his original promise with a backdrop of the grandiose Hindmarsh Stadium plans as the focal point of the telecasts.

The SASF can hardly be heartened by Minister Mayes' press release which followed the Government cutbacks announcement.

The release read, "While I hope the 1991-92 Budget contains enough funding for the rest of the building program, there is no guarantee this funding will be available."

■ So far the preliminary work on the new Hindmarsh Stadium lighting system has been completed.

Excavation work for the four towers which will house the $900,000 1200-lux lighting system is finished and the underground wiring is in place.

But the plans for the new grandstand featuring corporate boxes, bars, function rooms, restaurant, administration wings and pressbox, may remain on the drawing board.

That would be an everlasting shame because Adelaide, home of the Festival of Arts and the Grand Prix, deserves a part of the action of the World Youth Championship.

■ South Australians have endearing memories of 1981 when Hindmarsh Stadium shared Group C of the World Youth Cup with Canberra.

A similar scenario was enacted nine years ago, as Hindmarsh Stadium needed upgrading before its facilities and lighting were passed as adequate to stage the world event.

Adelaide's organizing committee, with the late Alex Hastings at the helm, did Australia proud with their presentation of the Group C games and drew praise from FIFA for their efforts.

The eventual winner West Germany, Spain, Mexico and Egypt were the teams to grace Group C and their inspired play succeeded in packing Hindmarsh Stadium.

Adelaide received a bonus in being rewarded the third place play-off between Rumania and England, a game which drew a capacity crowd.

The England squad included Neil Webb, a member of the senior World Cup squad in Italy 1990, and Neil Banfield who the following year signed for Adelaide City and became a star NSL sweeper.

■ The 1981 World Youth Championship won many converts to the code in South Australia.

For not only did the Adelaide group house the eventual champion, but it also unveiled one of the big surprise packets of the series in Egypt.

Apart from savoring the delights of the great football on offer in Adelaide, locals watched with interest the outstanding progress of the Young Socceroos.

It is history now how Australia defied the odds to qualify for the quarter finals, losing in dramatic circumstances to West Germany.

The tournament provided great enduring memories but South Australians don't want to live in the past.

Adelaide wants to be part of the 1993 World Youth Cup action and is calling with all the voice it can muster for the State Government to keep its promise on the redevelopment of Hindmarsh Stadium.

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MELBOURNE CROATIA

George Hannah ... caretaker coach and a very valuable member of the backline.

Import Ante Grgic is the new coach of Melbourne Croatia for the coming season.

The club advertised the position following the return of Ivan Raznjevic to the United States after two seasons in charge of the club.

The applicants included Ken Morton, Dr Jerzy Wrzos, Bill Murray and Vidomir Horvat.

The club ended up settling on Grgic, who had contact with the Melbourne Croatia delegation when the club was on tour in Croatia in the close season.

Grgic applied for the position for the past two seasons and confirmed he was still interested in the job.

■ Grgic, 50, played in the Yugoslav first division with Hajduk Split in the 1960s and with second divison club Sibenik where he also coached.

After retiring as a player, he studied soccer coaching at the university of Zagreb and has since coached all ranks of players from juniors to seniors.

He has worked regularly for the Croatian Soccer Federation in the annual soccer coaching camps in Zagreb and would like to implement a development program for junior players at Melbourne Croatia.

■ Apart from the coach, the club also is set to import two players.

The first is Zdenko Adamovic, a striker who was formerly with Hajduk and is now playing for second division club Split. Adamovic, 26, has been recommended to the club for his skill and scoring ability.

The other recruit is Damir Peravic, 26, a skilful midfielder who played for Dinamo in the first division, and has spent the past season with second division club Zagreb.

■ On the home front, Melbourne Croatia handed over the pre-season caretaker coaching duties to George Hannah and concentrated largely on retaining the squad from last season.

Hannah remains an integral part of the Croatia backline for the coming season.

Alan Davidson, who tore ligaments in an ankle playing in an exhibition match against Hajduk Split, resumed training pre-season and is expected to resume his regular spot at sweeper.

Davidson has announced he will accept Eddie Thomson's offer to come out of international retirement to become the new Socceroo captain.

■ Several players stayed on in Europe after the tour of Croatia and returned late for pre-season training.

They included Branko Milosevic, who spent time in Germany prior to returning. He arrived in time to be included in the new Socceroo squad and made his international debut against South Korea in September.

Others to arrive late were Ivan Kelic, Mark Talajich, Joe Caleta and Joe Biskic, but all four confirmed they are staying with the club.

Goalkeeper David Miller had a trial with Glasgow Rangers but returned from Scotland and now intends to settle in Melbourne.

■ The close season departures were Zeljko Adzic, whose move to Dinamo Zagreb turned into a long running saga before Melbourne Croatia received the $40,000 transfer fee in September.

John Markovski also left the club after one season, joining Marconi for the maximum $12,500 stipulated in his contract.

Melb Croatia 90-91

Retained

Frances Awaritefe	Steve Horvat
Joe Bacak	Ivan Kelic
Joe Biskic	Andrew Marth
Joe Caleta	David Miller
Alan Davidson	Branko Milosevic
Paul Donnelly	Joe Rados
Ivan Duzel	Theo Selemidis
George Hannah	Mark Talajich

Additions

	Signed from
Damir Peravic	Dinamo
Zdenko Adamovic	Split

Recruiting targets

	from
Steve Smith	Brunswick

Departures

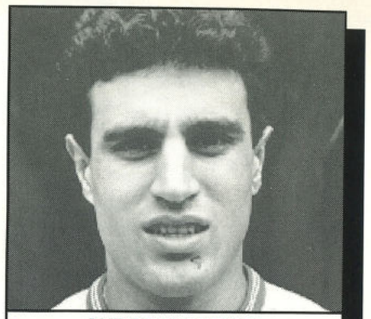
	to
Zeljko Adzic	Dinamo Zagreb
Anthony Grbac	Bulleen (on loan)
John Markovski	Marconi
Con Opasinis	Northcote

Melb Croatia's 89-90 Record

PLAYER	APPS	SUB	GLS	AGE	DOB
Zeljko Adzic	19	1	11	24	28.8.65
Frances Awaritefe	21	-	8	26	18.4.64
Joe Bacak	-	1	-	17	23.5.73
Joe Biskic	15	-	2	31	20.5.59
Joe Caleta	17	6	8	21	30.5.66
Alan Davidson	21	-	-	29	1.6.60
Paul Donnelly	22	1	-	29	14.7.60
Ivan Duzel	16	5	2	26	27.3.64
Anthony Grbac	2	1	-	21	30.3.69
George Hannah	29	-	1	32	18.7.57
Steve Horvat	6	4	-	19	14.3.71
Ivan Kelic	12	10	6	21	29.12.68
John Markovski	18	5	5	20	15.4.70
Andrew Marth	27	-	1	21	10.2.69
David Miller	14	-	-	25	27.3.65
Branko Milosevic	25	1	3	25	21.8.64
Con Opasinis	5	2	1	25	15.10.64
Joe Rados	15	-	-	18	5.10.71
Theo Selemidis	16	6	-	30	27.10.59
Mark Talajich	19	3	2	20	2.7.69
own goals			1		
		COACH			
Ivan Raznjevic	29			47	30.11.42

Branko Milosevic (Melbourne Croatia)

The NSL Line-Up



ANDREW BERNAL

Sydney Olympic

Emerged as a quality central defender last season to become part of Eddie Thomson's new Socceroo squad. Young Socceroos captain in the '85 World Youth Championship qualifying campaign. Left for Spain before the WYC finals & managed 7 Cup games for Division 1 side Sporting Gijon & a further 43 league games on loan to Division 2 club Jerez. Moved to England for the 87-88 season and played 16 Division 2 games for Ipswich Town. Returned to Australia because of immigration problems (he entered UK on a student's visa) & finally broke into the NSL in '89 scoring on his debut. First included in the senior Socceroos squad for the Malmo series in 89.

Age: 24. **Born** 16 May 1966.

NSL debut: Heidelberg 0 Sydney Olympic 4. 22/1/89.

NSL career details:

Sydney Olympic.
1989: 13 apps + 6 sub. 1 gl.
89-90: 22 apps + 3 sub.

PAT BRODNIK

Wollongong

Holder of the NSL record for the most number of goals scored in one match - he netted six in Wollongong's 7-0 win over West Adelaide last season (18/3/90). Has been with Wolves since his junior days and was voted the club's youth team player of the year before being promoted to the NSL side in 1985. Has been restricted to the number of games he plays because his strong religious beliefs as a Seventh Day Adventist prevent him playing on Fridays or Saturdays. He started the season just six matches short of his 100th NSL appearance. Prefers a striking role but has been used in midfield and in emergencies in defence by the club.

Age: 23. **Born:** 20 October 1966.

NSL debut: Apia 4 Wollongong 2 (as sub). 10/3/85.

NSL career details:

Wollongong.
1985: 10 apps + 8 sub. 5 gls.
1986: 9 apps + 6 sub. 5 gls.
1988: 22 apps + 2 sub. 4 gls.
1989: 20 apps + 2 sub. 4 gls.
89-90: 14 apps + 1 sub. 9 gls.

JOHN MARKOVSKI

Marconi

Signed by Marconi pre season for $12,500 from Melbourne Croatia. Made his NSL debut in '86 as a 15 year old with Sunshine GC to become the NSL's youngest ever player. Scored 20 goals in 68 NSL games with Cross & became one of the hottest properties in the 89, finally signing for Preston for $14,000. Scored 7 goals for Preston, accepted a close season trial with Mechelen then signed for Melb Croatia last season. Was a Young Socceroo for the '87 and '89 World Youth Championships. Made his senior Socceroo debut as a sub against Moscow Torpedo & recently was in the first Olympic Socceroo for the tour of Europe.

Age: 20. **Born:** 15 April 1970.

NSL debut: West Adelaide 1 Sunshine GC 2. 30/3/86.

NSL career details:

Sunshine George Cross
1986: 13 apps + 11 sub. 5 gls.
1987: 21 apps. 8 gls.
1988: 23 apps. 7 gls.
Preston Makedonia
1989: 24 apps + 1 sub. 7 gls.
Melbourne Croatia
89-90: 18 apps + 5 sub. 5 gls.

ANDREW MARTH

Melbourne Croatia

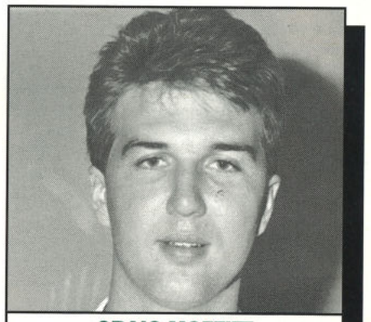
Defender starting his second season with Melbourne Croatia. Came up through the Sunshine George Cross junior ranks, added to the Sunshine senior squad in '86 then nailed down a regular spot in '87 and became a fixture in the side mostly at right back. Was the subject of a bid from Melbourne Croatia pre-season '89 but ended up signing a new contract with Cross. Croatia renewed its interest last season and signed the defender for $14,000. Initially used at left back before settling into his more familiar role on the right side. Should reach his 100th NSL appearance midway through this season.

Age: 21. **Born:** 10 February 1969.

NSL debut: Sunshine GC 1 Melb Croatia 0 (as sub). 24/8/86.

NSL career details:

Sunshine George Cross
1986: 1 sub.
1987: 17 apps.
1988: 22 apps + 1 sub. 1 gl.
1989: 22 apps. 1 gl.
Melbourne Croatia
89-90: 27 apps. 1 gls.



CRAIG MOFFITT

St George

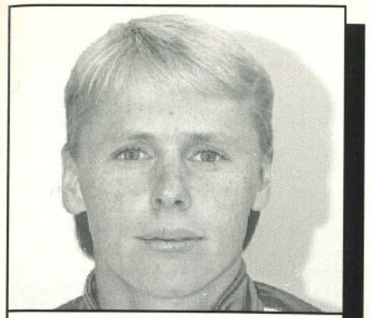
Defensive midfielder starting his sixth NSL campaign despite still being only 23 years old. Excellent header of the ball and one of the real ball winners in the side. A product of St George juniors who broke into the NSL in 1986, scoring on his debut. Established himself as a regular as an 18 year old. A member of the Young Socceroos which competed in the World Youth Championship finals in Chile in 1987. Knocked back a chance to join the Socceroo squad last year.

Age: 23. **Born:** 13 September 1967.

NSL debut: Sydney Croatia 2 St George 1. 30/3/86.

NSL career details:

St George
1986: 13 apps + 4 sub. 3 gls.
1987: 20 apps. 3 gls.
1988: 24 apps. 2 gls.
1989: 26 apps. 1 gl.
89-90: 25 apps. 2 gls.



DAVID CLARKSON

Sunshine George Cross

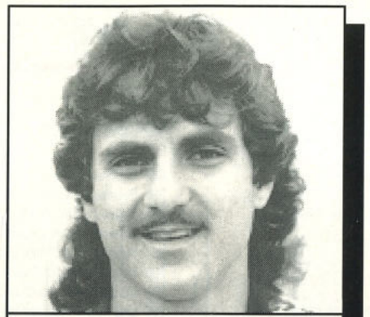
Midfielder. Born in England, raised in Tasmania. Was at the institute of sport in 86-87, then moved to the Gold Coast with his parents. Had a six month trial with Newcastle Utd in England then joined Brisbane Lions in 1988. Moved to Adelaide City in '89 but was given limited opportunities in the NSL side despite starring in the club's SA State League team. Joined Sunshine GC for $6500 in November 89 and turned out to be one of the revelations of the first summer season. until struck by injury which required an operation. Now back to full fitness and is expected to be one of the stars this season.

Age: 21. **Born:** 1 February 1968.

NSL debut: South Melb 2 Brisbane Lions 1 (as sub). 27/3/88.

NSL career details

Brisbane Lions
1988: 11 apps + 7 sub.
Adelaide City
1989: 1 app + 2 sub.
Sunshine George Cross
89-90: 15 apps + 3 sub. 5 gls.



MIKE GRBEVSKI

Sydney Croatia

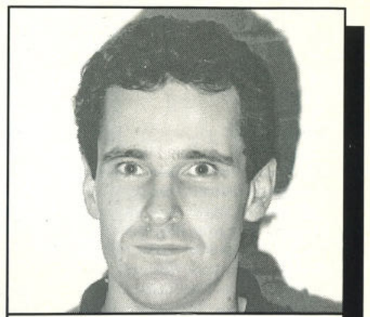
Left back starting his second season at Sydney Croatia after being signed last November for $25,000 from St George. A product of the St George juniors who spent a season on loan with Rockdale Ilinden in the NSW State League before establishing himself as a first team regular at St George in 1987. Has been on the verge of Socceroo selection on a number of occasions and could come back in the reckoning with a good campaign this time around.

Age: 23. **Born:** 6 April 1967.

NSL debut: St George 0 Melb Croatia 2. 10/4/87

NSL career details:

St George
1987: 13 apps + 4 sub.
1988: 26 apps. 2 gls.
1989: 27 apps.
Sydney Croatia
89-90: 24 apps + 1 sub. 2 gls.



BRUCE MACLAREN

South Melbourne

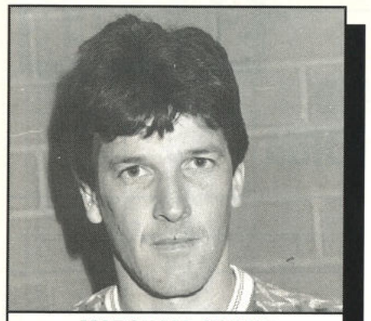
Goalkeeper signed by South from English non-league club Bromsgrove in January 1988. Displaced Con Giatas in the NSL side at South Melbourne five months later and has since established himself not only as the club's first choice but also among the quality keepers of the NSL. His uncle Dave MacLaren coached South Melbourne in 78-79. Father Roy was on the Aston Villa coaching staff for 20 years and had a brief stint at Heidelberg when he came to Australia. Occupation: Managing director of a floor coverings business. Everpresent in 89-90.

Born: 11 May 1962.

NSL debut: South Melb 2 Preston Mak 1. 1/5/88.

NSL career details:

South Melbourne
1988: 16 apps.
1989: 26 apps.
89-90: 28 apps.



MARSHALL SOPER

Melita Eagles

Striker enjoying a new lease of life at Melita after being discarded by Sydney Olympic. Got 12 goals for Apia in his first NSL season in '81. Joined Olympic in '83 & was a favorite son for 4 seasons finishing as the club captain. Loaned to Wollongong in '88 after a run-in with coach Eddie Thomson but returned to partially reclaim his spot in '89. Has three NSL Cup winners' medals (Apia 82, Olympic 83 & 85). Is among the NSL's all-time Top Scorers going into the season with 84 goals. Played in 29 Socceroo games ('83 - '86) scoring goals vs Arsenal, Juventus, Spurs & Red Star.

Age: 30. **Born:** 12 May 1960.

NSL debut: Apia Leichhardt 0 Brisbane Lions 0 (as sub). 1/3/81.

NSL career details:

Apia Leichhardt
1981: 21 apps + 4 sub. 12 gls.
1982: 24 apps. 14 gls.
Sydney Olympic
1983: 27 apps + 1 sub. 15 gls.
1984: 25 apps + 2 sub. 9 gls.
1985: 20 apps + 1 sub. 7 gls.
1986: 24 apps + 1 sub. 10 gls.
1988: 11 apps + 2 sub. 1 gl.
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Melita Eagles
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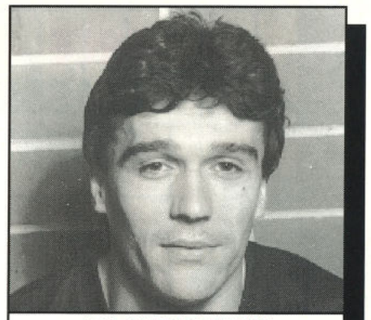


ZORAN TASEVSKI

Preston Makedonia

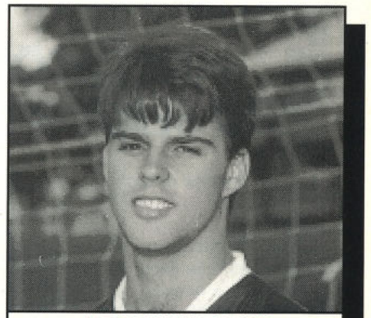
Tough tackling player starting his fifth season in Australia. Played for 10 years in the Yugoslav first division, nine of them with Vardar (which included a tour of Australia with the team in 1978) and one with Dinamo Vinkovski. Also spent a few months playing with Tetex in the Yugoslav second division while awaiting his international clearance to join Preston in 1987. Joined Preston as a defensive midfielder but has also done well in the centreback position.

Age: 31. **Born:** 30 November 1958.

NSL debut: Footscray JUST 0 Preston Makedonia 0. 29\3\87.

NSL career details:

Preston Makedonia.
1987: 13 apps + 4 sub.
1988: 22 apps. 3 gls.
1989: 18 apps + 2 sub.
89-90: 21 apps.



JASON VAN BLERK

Apia Leichhardt

Midfielder or winger. Represented NSW from U14s to U18s, had a stint at the Institute of Sport then selected in the Young Socceroos for the qualifiers & finals of the 1987 World Youth Championship in Chile. Trialled with Derby County in UK, then rejoined Blacktown on his return and helped the club to win the 1988 NSW State League. Scored on his NSL debut and was snapped up by Apia after an impressive first NSL season. Promoted to the senior Socceroos and figured prominently in the recent tours of Indonesia & South Korea. Has been keen on a second try at Derby.

Age: 22. **Born** 16 March 1968.

NSL debut: Blacktown 2 Adelaide City 1. 21/1/89.

NSL career details:

Blacktown
1989: 24 apps. 3 gls.
Apia Leichhardt
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KEY: Game Details comprise event, opponent (full internationals in capitals), result (Australia's score first), venue, & date. ^ denotes an own goal in favor of Australia. In the line-up details, the substitutes are in brackets. * denotes a goal. # denotes sent off. Event abbreviations: f (friendly), wc (World Cup), it (International Tournament), oc (Oceania Cup).

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	COACH
1986												
ac. v CHINA W2-0. (Canton. November 23)	Olver	Yankos	Savor	Dunn	Jennings	Raskopoulos	McDowall	Wade	Farina	Arnold*	Kalantzis*	Arok
f.v Canton D0-0. (Canton. November 25)	Franken (Gibson)	Wheatley	R.Stewart	A.Hunter	McCulloch	Tapai	McDowall (Jennings)	Melta (Raskopoulos)	Zinni	Maxwell	Lowe	Arok
f.v Shendong W2-0. (Shendong. November 28)	Olver	Yankos	Savor	Dunn	Jennings	Raskopoulos	McDowall*	Wade	Farina	Arnold*	Kalantzis	Arok
1987												
f.v Everton D1-1. (Melbourne. June 3)	Olver	Savor	Jennings	Yankos	Dunn*	McDowall (Villani)	Farina	Arnold	Raskopoulos (Crino)	Kalantzis (Zinni)	Davidson	Arok
pc. v MOROCCO W1-0. (Kangnung S.Korea. June 9)	Olver	Savor	Jennings	Yankos	McDowall	Farina* (Villani)	Wade	Arnold	Raskopoulos	Kalantzis (Crino)	A.Hunter	Arok
pc. v Chile B. W2-0. (Kyong Ju S.Korea. June 11)	Olver	Yankos	Dunn	McDowall*	Arnold*	Kalantzis (Farina)	Davidson	Zinni	Crino	Villani (Raskopoulos)	DeMarigny	Arok
pc. v Shamrock Rovers W1-0. (Taegu S.Korea. June 13)	Gibson	Savor	Jennings	Yankos	Dunn	Farina*	Wade	Arnold (Kalantzis)	Raskopoulos	Zinni (Villani)	Crino	Arok
pc. v South Korea B. W5-0. (Suwon S.Korea. June 15)	Olver	Savor (Davidson)	Jennings	Yankos*	Dunn	McDowall	Farina**	Wade	Arnold*	Raskopoulos (Crino*)	Kalantzis	Arok
pc. v Fortuna Sittard D1-1. (Inchon S.Korea. June 17)	Gibson	Savor	Jennings	Dunn	Kalantzis	Davidson	Zinni	Crino	A.Hunter*	Villani	DeMarigny	Arok
pc. v EGYPT D0-0. (Seoul S.Korea. June 19)	Olver	Savor	Jennings	Yankos	Dunn	McDowall	Farina	Wade	Arnold	Raskopoulos (A.Hunter)	Zinni (Crino)	Arok
pc. v SOUTH KOREA D1-1. (Seoul S.Korea. June 21)	Olver	Savor	Jennings	Yankos	Dunn	Farina	Wade (Raskopoulos)	Arnold*	Kalantzis (Zinni)	Davidson	Crino	Arok
tt. v NEW ZEALAND D1-1. (Melbourne. September 2)	Olver	Savor	Jennings	Yankos	Dunn	Farina	Wade	Arnold	Raskopoulos (R.Brown)	Zinni*	Crino (Odzakov)	Arok
tt. v NEW ZEALAND L0-1. (Auckland. September 9)	Olver	Savor	Jennings	Yankos	Dunn	McDowall	Farina	Wade	Arnold	Zinni (R.Brown)	Davidson	Arok
og. v TAIWAN W3-0. (Taipei. November 15)	Olver	Savor	Jennings (DeMarigny)	Yankos	Dunn	McDowall	Farina*	Wade	Arnold**	Ollerenshaw	Odzakov (Crino)	Arok
1988												
f.v IFK Gotenburg L0-1. (Sydney. January 10)	Olver (Gibson)	Savor (Tobin)	Yankos	Dunn	Jennings	Davidson (Petersen)	Wade (Tapai)	Crino	Farina	Arnold	Ollerenshaw (J.Mullen)	Arok
f.v Dinamo Zagreb D1-1. (Melbourne. February 3)	Olver	Savor	Yankos	Tobin	Jennings	McDowall	Wade (Petersen)	Crino	Farina	Arnold*	J.Mullen (Vidmar)	Arok
f.v Dinamo Zagreb W3-1. (Sydney. February 5)	Olver	Davidson	Yankos	McDowall	Jennings	Petersen (McCulloch)	Crino (Vidmar)	Wade	Farina* (Ollerenshaw)	Arnold (Tapai)	Kosmina**	Arok

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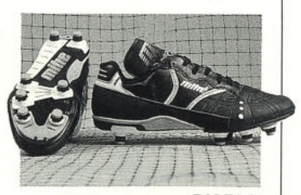

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1988 *continued*												
og. v TAIWAN W3-0. (Canberra. February 26)	Olver	Savor	Yankos	McDowall	Davidson*	Petersen	Crino	Wade	Farina	Arnold**	Kosmina	Arok
og. v ISRAEL W2-0 (Melbourne. March 6)	Olver	Savor	Yankos*	McDowall	Davidson	Petersen	Crino	Wade	Farina*	Arnold	Kosmina	Arok
og. v TAIWAN W3-2. (Adelaide. March 9)	Gibson	Davidson	Koczka	A.Hunter	Tobin*	Petersen (Wade)	Crino*	McCulloch	Ollerenshaw (Farina)	Patikas*	Kosmina	Arok
og. v NEW ZEALAND W3-1. (Sydney. March 13)	Olver	Savor	Yankos	McDowall	Tobin (Jennings)	Wade	Arnold	Crino*	Farina*	Kosmina	Patikas* (Ollerenshaw)	Arok
og. v ISRAEL D0-0 (Christchurch NZ. March 20)	Olver	Savor	Yankos	McDowall#	Jennings	Wade	Arnold	Crino	Farina (Petersen)	Kosmina (Patikas)	Mitchell	Arok
og. v NEW ZEALAND D1-1 (Wellington NZ. March 23)	Olver	Savor	Yankos	A.Hunter	Jennings	Wade	Arnold (Patikas)	Crino	Kosmina (Farina*)	Mitchell	Arok
og. v TAIWAN W3-0 (Auckland NZ. March 27)	Olver	Savor	Yankos	Tobin	Jennings	Wade*	Petersen (McCulloch)	Crino	Arnold* (Ollerenshaw)	Kosmina	Farina*	Arok
bg. v BRAZIL L0-1 (Melbourne. July 7)	Olver	Savor	Yankos	Dunn	Jennings	Wade	Davidson (Bozinoski)	Crino	Arnold	Kosmina (Slater)	Farina	Arok
bg. v SAUDI ARABIA W3-0 (Sydney. July 9)	Olver	Savor	Yankos	Dunn	Jennings	Wade	Davidson	Crino	Arnold (Slater)	Ollerenshaw*	Farina** (Bozinoski)	Arok
bg. v ARGENTINA W4-1 (Sydney. July 14)	Olver	Savor	Yankos**	Dunn	Jennings	Wade*	Davidson	Bozinoski*	Arnold	Ollerenshaw	Farina	Arok
bg. v BRAZIL L0-2 (Sydney. July 17)	Olver	Savor (Bozinoski)	Yankos	Dunn	Jennings	Wade	Davidson	Crino	Arnold	Ollerenshaw	Farina (Slater)	Arok
og. v YUGOSLAVIA W1-0 (Seoul. September 18)	Olver	Davidson	Yankos	Dunn	Jennings	Wade	Petersen	Crino	Arnold (Slater)	Mitchell (Bozinoski)	Farina*	Arok
og. v BRAZIL L0-3 (Seoul. September 20)	Olver	Davidson	Yankos	Dunn (Van Egmond)	Jennings	Wade	Petersen	Crino	Arnold	Mitchell	Farina (Slater)	Arok
og. v NIGERIA W1-0 (Seoul. September 22)	Olver	Davidson	Van Egmond	Yankos	Dunn (Koczka)	Jennings	Wade	Crino	Arnold	Mitchell	Kosmina* (Ollerenshaw)	Arok
og. v USSR L0-3 (Seoul. September 25)	Olver	Davidson	Van Egmond	Yankos	Dunn	Jennings	Wade	Crino	Arnold	Mitchell#	Farina	Arok
tt. v NEW ZEALAND W2-1 (Dunedin. October 12)	Olver	Davidson	Van Egmond	Koczka	McDowall	Jennings	Wade	Crino*	Arnold	Ollerenshaw*	Spink (Postecoglou)	Arok
tt. v NEW ZEALAND W2-0 (Bendigo. October 16)	Olver	Davidson	Van Egmond	Yankos	McDowall	Postecoglou (Jennings)	Wade (Petersen)	Crino	Arnold	Ollerenshaw	Spink**	Arok
wc. v FIJI L0-1 (Nandi. November 20)	Olver	Van Egmond	McDowall	Yankos	Jennings	Davidson	Crino	Petersen (Palatsides)	Arnold	Ollerenshaw	Spink (Maxwell)	Arok
1989												
wc. v FIJI W5-1 (Newcastle. December 3)	Olver	Davidson	Van Egmond	Yankos**	Jennings	Polak (Trimboli*)	Crino	McDowall	Spink*	Arnold*	Ollerenshaw (Haniotis)	Arok
f.v Malmo (Sweden) W3-2 (Melbourne. February 17)	Olver	Davidson	Van Egmond	Koczka*	Savor	Jennings (Bernal 67')	Polak	Raskopoulos (Petersen 34')	Spink**	Arnold	Ollerenshaw (Trimboli 71')	Arok
f.v Malmo (Sweden) W3-0 (Sydney. February 22)	Olver (Gibson)	Davidson	Calderan	Koczka	Savor	Crino	Polak (Petersen)	Wade (Van Egmond)	Spink* (Trimboli*)	Arnold*	Ollerenshaw	Arok

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Welcome Wollongong Macedonia.

The Macs won the 1990 NSW State League to earn promotion to the NSL for this coming season.

It is Wollongong Macedonia's first venture in top company and they become the 29th club to play in the NSL since the competition was formed 14 years ago.

It is a remarkable achievement since the club was a new born baby when the NSL got underway - Wollongong Macedonia was founded as recently as 1976!

Despite its relative youth, the club has come into the League with big ambitions. For the first season the club must obviously aim at consolidation but officials are confident Macedonia will achieve that and form the basis for the club to become a force in the competition.

The club may be new but certainly a big portion of its playing personnell will not be new to NSL followers.

Its playing staff is littered with former NSL players.

They include:

* Peter Wilson, the former Sydney Olympic goalkeeper who has resumed after a six year lay-off,
* Warwick Young the former Wollongong City keeper,
* John Cavanah who played for Newcastle and Blacktown in the NSL,
* Martin Bourke who played 32 matches for Blacktown,
* Paul Kay who saw service at St George (78-80), Newcastle (78), Wollongong (81), Sydney City (83-86) and Blacktown (86),
* Adam Sandy who had two seasons with Blacktown,
* John Bradley who scored 41 goals in stints with Apia Leichhardt and Blacktown,
* Brett Thorntwaithe another former Blacktown player,
* Graeme Fletcher, who started out with Sydney City and joined Wollongong Mac from St George.

The club's senior squad also includes Lupco Dimov who was recruited from Macedonian first division club Tikves Kavadsi and Darren Gallaway a talented local Wollongong defender.

Coach John Fleming will lead the club into its first NSL campaign.

Fleming was appointed as replacement for Casey De Bruin, who retired after leading the club to the NSW State League championship because his business was sufferring from his soccer involvement.

Wollongong Macedonia will play its home games at Brandon Park.

Club president Alex Kencevski was at pains to point out that Wollongong Macedonia is a joint tenant of the ground with Wollongong City.

"Contrary to popular opinion, Brandon Park belongs to the Wollongong Trust and therefore to the Wollongong taxpayers. It is not just Wollongong City's ground," he said.

Wollongong Macedonia owns 43 hectares in Berkely and plans to build a sports and cultural centre over the next two years.

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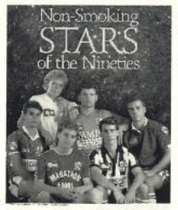

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